

MINUTES
Stormwater Board Meeting
Thursday, January 21, 2015
7:00 PM

- **Call to order: Matt Lake called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.**

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

- **Roll Call**
 - Roll call was taken: Edward Corns present, Matt Lake present, Tom Cartwright Present

- **Approval of Minutes**
 - Tom Cartwright made a motion to approve minutes from September 30, 2014. Motion was seconded by Ed Corns, Carried 3-0

- **Approval of 2015 Schedule**
 - March 5 was changed to Thursday, March 12. Made a motion to approve the 2015 Stormwater Board meeting schedule. Motion was seconded by Edgar Corns., Carried 3-0

- **Election of Officers**
 - Edgar Corns nominated Matt Lake for President of the Board. Tom Cartwright seconded the motion. Edgar made a motion to keep same offices as the previous year. Tom Cartwright seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. (2014 Officers: President Matt Lake, Vice-President Edgar Corns, Secretary Tom Cartwright)

- **Old Business**
 - **Powell Ditch Report**

Greg White presented an oral report on the progress of the Powell Ditch project. He stated the concrete break-walls were in and complete and that the conveyance infrastructure including the duckbill controls were in place. He stated that there is some landscaping to complete once the inclement weather breaks for the spring. He stated that the entirety of the project has been completed within budget. Matt Lake asked if Powell Ditch was regulated. Greg White stated that the ditch is non-regulated. He then stated that if there were to be another phase to the project such as sediment removal, that phase would be a separate project for the future. Greg stated that to the best of his knowledge, there were no change orders or delays, other than some small inclement weather delays. Matt Lake requested pictures of the completed project for the next meeting. Edgar Corns stated that there was \$150,000 set aside for the project and that Greg Shook reported to him that the bill was \$117,000, leaving some money left to continue with the project, but the next phase to clean to Lincoln Street will cost \$100,000. Edgar also stated that we will need to get permits from the Army Corps of Engineers and Indiana Department of Natural Resources to continue the project. Matt asked to have pictures of the project put on our website to promote the work that we are doing for



stormwater around Town. Edgar asked to show pictures of the project at the Town Council Meeting.

- **Sump Pump Ordinance**

Greg White reported that the letter from the Stormwater Board with concerns and suggestions for an ordinance regarding sump pump discharge was forwarded to the attorney and that we were waiting to hear back from the attorney on the project.

- **New Business**

- **Minimum Control Measure Report – MS4 Coordinator**

Greg White, Stormwater Coordinator presented a report of the work that The Town of Lowell Stormwater Department is tasked with. The report was organized by the 6 Minimum Control Measures required to organize reporting and filing information to IDEM. Greg Stated that he is hoping to take better advantage of MS4 training that is available through NIRPC. He said that although we attend all of the training throughout the year, he would like to see NIRPC offer the training opportunities as a package so that they can be billed and paid for cumulatively. He stated that he intends to design and produce some outreach materials to be better able to work with our partner Lake County Soil and Water Conservation (LCSWCD) to brand our message more effectively. Matt Lake stated that it was good news to know that LCSWCD now has a new educator bringing the total of educators for the program to 2. For IDDE; Greg stated that there is funding available to hire part time help to continue with mapping and scanning. Greg stated that he was working with management to work closer with the Hoosier River Watch program to record our IDDE testing more efficiently. MCM 4; Greg said that it looks like lots of activity this summer for several sub-acre sites. He stated that the only site in Lowell requiring a SWPPP is the Providence development. He stated that most of the small contractors around town are noticeably recognizing what is expected of them and applying it to their sites without being told and he felt that that was a good sign for the program. Matt Lake stated that there is a Contractor's Workshop coming up at the Lake County Fairgrounds in March being put on by the Lake County surveyor's Office. Greg White stated that he usual takes the list of local contractors and re-mails an invitation to them to reinforce the message, however March is usually a time when construction is taking off and attendance is slight. Matt Lake said that this is the time of the year to call downstate to Randy Braun and close out any projects that are finished. MCM5; Greg White stated that he planned on picking the Pond Analysis and putting together a plan to handle the municipal ponds. Matt Lake asked to get some pricing on contractors to do mowing on the ponds. MCM6; Greg stated that we are being audited on March 30th so he will be working on preparing for the audit. Greg stated that he is impressed with how the departments take care of their stormwater responsibilities and their responsiveness to the upcoming audit.

There was a continuing conversation about ponds concerning the amount of "beautification" that should be maintained. Greg said that it is not his intention to beautify the ponds, but to maintain them within the specifications if the town code, which includes an 8" growth limit on grass. Matt Lake stated that we should seek legal guidance as we move forward with the project.

- **NISWAG – Key Meeting Topics**

- Matt Lake updated the board on Key NISWAG topics including the upcoming IDEM Good Housekeeping Audit.

- **Public Comment**

None

- **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Edward Corns at 7:49 P.M. Seconded by Matt Lake. Carried 3-0

Matt Lake, President

Tom Cartwright, Secretary

Date: Thursday, November 6, 2014

