



**MINUTES**  
**Winfield Storm Water Board**  
**Meeting date: Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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**Call to order:** A meeting of the Winfield Storm Water Board was held in the Winfield Government Center, Winfield, Indiana on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The meeting convened at 6:35 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Members in attendance:** Dave Anderson, and Timothy Clayton

**Members not in attendance:**

**Also in attendance:** Attorney David Austgen from Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis P.C.; Engineer, Michael Duffy; and Town Administrator/Planning and Zoning Administrator Nick Bellar.

**MINUTES:** Tim Clayton made the motion to approve the Storm Water Board Meeting Minutes of October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Dave Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor 2-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

***1. Hidden Creek Ditch.***

Mike Duffy stated they looked for a simpler fix to this issue but there really isn't one. Mike explained that the system is too flat, once the pond takes on water the ditch overflows and then equalizes out into the residents' yard and won't go down until the pond does. Basic maintenance will help but it won't stop water from backing up into the yards, that's what it was designed to do. He did reach out to Merrillville on applying for a grant together, they asked for more information but were okay with what we are proposing. Tim asked about dredging, Mike said they could clean out the culvert pipe but it will not fix the situation. Dave asked how much it will cost to completely address the problem. Mike said he will email them with an amount.

***2. 103<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Drainage Issue Update***

Mike Duffy stated they resurfaced the road and put in new curb, the water is now flowing better. Tim asked if they could send out a letter to the homeowner who made the initial complaint to inform them the work is now complete. Kim Wachowski said she will.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***1. Diane Keseley, 10708 Heather Drive, Backyard Drainage Issue.***

Mike said the Code Enforcement Officer, Randy Stegenga, looked into this matter. Based on his report Mike agreed with Randy's finding that the pooling of water in the backyard is caused by the amount of landscaping and structures placed in the backyard. It usually only takes about three days to dry out. A letter will be sent to the homeowner.

***2. Deborah Fullgraf, 10380 Nelson Street, Standing Water in Easement, when it rains.***

Dave Anderson said he has spoken with Mrs. Fullgraf. Mike Duffy provided a drainage plan that would help but she ultimately would need to work with her neighbors about fixing the flooding issue that was caused by landscaping in the area blocking the water flow. Dave stated he has been out of town, but will forward this information on to her.



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**3. Michael, Cione, 10724 Martinique, Pipe found in Backyard.**

Mike Duffy stated he does not know what it could be. Mr. Cione was present. Mike asked him if he noticed any water coming out of the pipe. Mr. Cione said no but there are small tunnels next to the pipe that go off to the north and south, now the ground above seems to be sinking. Dave Anderson asked if it could be someone's sump pump pipe or down spout. Mike said that it sounds more like an old farm drain tile, they looked at all the gutters and his sump pump pipe which go over ground. Mr. Cione asked what he should do about it. Dave said its not a storm water issue that the town would handle so he can dig it up if he wishes. Mr. Cione said he does not want to dig it up he would like to bury it with rock and top soil. Mike said that would be fine or he could just cover it with large cobblestone rocks. Mike said the area used to be a ditch before it was pond so it is most likely a farm drain tile.

**4. Carissa Groen, 12250 Parke Court North, Oil like substance seeping up from the ground at the end of the drive way.**

Mike stated they do not believe it is oil, it just appears to be ground water. They have not been able to gather a large enough amount to sample. They could drill into the road to obtain an adequate sample but he wasn't sure if the Board would want to do that. Dave said it would be best to just keep an eye on it to see if more appears to run a sample. Mike said he also contacted Indiana American Water to see if they would be able to hear a leak coming from one of their lines but they have not responded to him on it yet, he will reach out again.

**5. Milena & Walter Tarpley, 4212 E. 117<sup>th</sup> Ave., Removed a swale in front of their yard.**

The Board and DLZ have reviewed this item and determined that the Street Department will dig the swale. Mike stated they still need to look at the bigger picture and address the water flow in that area since a lot of water runs there. They have completed a survey and will combine that with the information they have with Lake County to see how they can address the situation.

**6. Scott Shelhart, 9011 E. 101<sup>st</sup> Ave., Filled in swale without installing a culvert for construction drive.**

Nick Bellar stated that Building Department Administrator, Tammi Travis, contacted the homeowner again today to inform him that he has to rectify the situation. The homeowner claimed that nothing he did has obstructed the flow of water, he said there is a low spot in the road. Dave asked Mike to look further into it.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Rick Anderson presented the October claims in the amount of \$8,345.92. Tim Clayton made the motion to approve the Storm Water Board claims in the amount of \$8,345.92. Dave Anderson seconded the motion, the motion carried with all in favor 2-0.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next Storm Water Board Meeting Tuesday, December 11th, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.



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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dave Anderson entertained a motion to adjourn. Tim Clayton made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Dave Anderson. A voice call vote found all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

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Dave Anderson  
Stormwater Board President

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Richard C. Anderson, Jr.  
Clerk-Treasurer

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Kim Wachowski  
Recording Secretary

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Date of Approval