

REGULAR DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING:

September 16, 2019

President, William Whitehead, called the meeting to order. Members present at the meeting were the following:

William Whitehead, President
Shannon Henry, Member
Dick McIntire, Member
John Landers, Member
Tom Borchers, Surveyor
Stan Willis, Inspector/Chief Deputy
Brandon Murphy, Board Attorney
Cindy Harty, Recording Secretary

President William Whitehead opened the meeting by welcoming the audience and inviting them to participate in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Whitehead entertained a motion for the approval of the August 19, 2019 Drainage Board Minutes.

Mr. Henry moved for approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Landers. Motion passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Whitehead addressed Mr. Borchers and asked if he had any old business to present to the Board today.

Mr. Borchers stated there is no old business to address this date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Carrington Woods Condos

Mr. Borchers stated the first thing is we received a letter from Nicholas Tokar of Carrington Woods Condos, and “Basically, just to fill you in, they had a sinkhole open up behind a gentleman’s house.” Mr. Borchers informed the Board that it is not a county regulated drain, and in the association’s by-laws and the Storm Drain Dedication that was filed with the Surveyor’s Office in 2005, it says, “That the homeowners association is responsible for it.” He stated, “It also says, that if they do not do a good job or if they do not do what they need to do, the county can come in and fix it and then send them a bill.” Mr. Borchers stated that Mr. Tokar sent them an e-mail saying that they want us to do that, but did not state whether they plan to fix it before we come in and do it, or if we are going to come in and fix it. Mr. Borchers suggested that they table this issue and see if the association will fix it so the county does not have to be involved. Mr. Borchers stated, “Brandon may be able to clear that up a little more.”

Mr. Murphy stated that in your packet of materials there is an e-mail that he sent to Mr. Tokar on August 29 advising him that this matter would be placed on today’s Agenda and advising him that the meeting would take

place at 2:30 p.m. on September 16th. He stated, “I do not know with them not being here if is evidence that this has been fixed. I do not know if we should move forward today without them being present and making a formal request for that.”

Mr. Whitehead asked if anyone was present that wanted to speak on this issue. No one is present in the audience who wanted to speak on the issue, and no further discussion held.

Mr. Henry moved for the county not to fix this sinkhole, and asked that Brandon Murphy send a letter to them on the Drainage Board’s letterhead, stating that we are not going to fix this, and give them a list of contractors the county uses to do their work. Mr. Henry stated, “That is my motion.” Mr. McIntire seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Hamilton-Miller Ditch (Muncie Creek)

Mr. Borchers stated the next item on the list is the Muncie Sanitary District who is requesting a tie-in to the Hamilton-Miller Ditch or as commonly referred to, Muncie Creek.

Lauren McCleary of Beam Longest and Neff, 8320 Craig Street, Indianapolis, IN, approached and stated that the Muncie Sanitary District is proposing a new maintenance facility at Waid Avenue and Martin Luther King Blvd. Ms. McCleary stated, “As part of the project, they will be discharging all of their stormwater into Muncie Creek.” She stated she just wanted to bring it to the Board’s attention and see if they had any concerns. Ms. McCleary stated, “We will be slightly increasing runoff from the site, but due to the city ordinance and because they are so close to the creek, they will not be detaining any runoff, it will be a direct discharge in order to meet that requirement.”

Mr. Landers asked if the Surveyor had any problem with this.

Mr. Borchers stated that Ms. McCleary had sent all of the plans of the site development to him, but he only furnished one page of the plans for the members. Mr. Borchers stated, “It looks like they are tying into only three spots.” Ms. McCleary stated, “Yes, they have three new spots and there is an existing spot that will stay.” Mr. Borchers stated that it is a large and good flowing ditch, and he does not see any problems with the tie-ins. Mr. Borchers recommends a favorable recommendation to allow the Muncie Sanitary District to discharge into the Hamilton-Miller/Muncie Creek.

Mr. Henry moved to approve Ms. McCleary’s request. Mr. Landers seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0.**

MAINTENANCE CLAIMS:

Mr. Whitehead entertained a motion for the approval of the maintenance claims.

Mr. Henry moved to approve the claims as submitted. Mr. McIntire seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

William Whitehead, President

John Landers, Member

Shannon Henry, Member

Dick McIntire, Member

Cindy Harty, Recording Secretary