

DELAWARE COUNTY STORMWATER 3RD QUARTER REGULAR MEETING:

August 3, 2020

President, Sherry Riggin, called the meeting to order. Roll call held. Members present at the meeting were the following:

Sherry Riggin, President
Shannon Henry, Commissioner
James King, Commissioner
Tom Borchers, Delaware County Surveyor
John Brooke, Attorney for Board
Cindy Harty, Recording Secretary

Also, in attendance were Angie Moyer and Jason Donati.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Riggin stated that they had their last meeting on June 4th, and did not have any minutes.

Mr. Brooke informed the Board that he would take care of that, and have the minutes at the next meeting.

Ms. Riggin stated, "Thank you sir. We appreciate John doing that for us. It was kind of a different meeting on zoom, but at least we did meet."

Bluegrass Estates

Ms. Riggin asked Ms. Moyer to give them some updates on Bluegrass Estates.

Angie Moyer stated, "Sure. Each of you should have a copy of the quote I received from Culy Contracting, and also attached is an aerial marking all of the locations that need point repairs. Originally the complaint came in from Mr. Ryan McCorkle who lives at 9501 N. Allen Drive, with concerns about a sinkhole in his backyard, Culy investigated, did some camera work, and some jet-rodding; Culy felt pretty confident that his is a blowhole due to a blockage downstream, so once these point repairs are made we should be good to go, but we will continue to monitor after those repairs are made. I just need your approval for the quote in the amount of \$17, 171.00."

Mr. Riggin stated, “We all knew you would take good care of us, and you trust this company and they have been doing very good work for us.”

Ms. Moyer stated that she was so glad Shannon gave her the name of the company.

Mr. Borchers stated that he uses them quite a bit too.

Mr. Henry asked what the balance was in the Stormwater account.

Ms. Riggin stated, “We are at \$206,434.78 at the end of July in our 1197 fund. So, we have had a tax draw and we are in pretty good shape.”

Mr. Henry moved to approve the repairs by Culy at the Bluegrass Estates that Ms. Moyer presented. Motion seconded by Mr. King. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Ms. Riggin asked Ms. Moyer, “Angie, did he give you a timeline when he could start it and how long it might take?”

Ms. Moyer stated, “No, but I will get a confirmation on that, and I will send you all an e-mail to update you.”

Ms. Riggin asked Ms. Moyer to see Mr. McCorkle and inform him what is going on. Ms. Riggin stated, “We could possibly send the highway guys out there with some rip-rap, but if they could go out there, I would appreciate it.”

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Henry stated he would like to add a matter to the new business. He stated that he has been working on an issue with an elderly couple who reside off of Smithfield Pike and Whitney Road, who are having problems with others running water on them. Mr. Henry stated, “We did some work out there and the Surveyor’s Office has done some work out there probably a couple of years ago, and put some ditching in. Then we kind of got the problem resolved, then the county highway came in and put a new culvert under the road which has since started putting more water back on this property. I talked with Tommy about it, and Tom went out and looked at it, and I have been out there a couple of times and met with these people. They have some neighbor across the road that did some new ditch work and is running water over on their property. It seems like everything is running over on their property. A lot of the area is woods, but the problem that I have with the new culvert the county highway put in, is that all the water now is running over their drive and it’s kind of sets in the corner of the cornfield.” We do have a line, and asked Mr. Borchers, “How many feet is it down there Tom?”

Mr. Borchers stated, “From the driveway it is about 800-feet.”

Mr. Henry stated, “We do have a line that is about 800-feet away. I had Tom get me a rough quote on what it would cost to run a line up so we could try to keep that water off their drive, that water that is coming over from the new culvert pipe that the highway department put in, and try to redirect that water underground anyway.” Mr. Henry informed the Board that the quote that Tom had gotten is approximately ten or eleven thousand dollars.

Ms. Riggin asked, “When you say line, you are saying take it south underneath their driveway, because I

think their culvert underneath their driveway needs to be jet rodded too.”

Mr. Henry stated, “Tom and I talked about it, there are two or three culverts under their drive, and the ends of them are smashed and some of them are full. I do not disagree with you, and I think we probably ought to, if we cut the ends of those culverts off, I feel there are enough there we could cut off, and get those draining again.” Mr. Henry asked Mr. Borchers, “Do you have a relationship with that farmer?”

Mr. Borchers stated, “Yes, I mean I know who he is and I think he would be all about it, plus there is a little bit of an issue down at the end that we can resolve at my office at the same time, and it would be a good venture. There was an issue when the farmer got under the new tile that we put in, and I think there is a little bit of fall issue that we need to dig back up, once the crops come off.

Mr. Henry stated, “We will have a meeting, of course, the last quarter.”

Ms. Riggin looking at a map asked, “What farmer, are you talking about this guy?” Ms. Riggin stated that it is right here so it is going to go south.”

Further discussion held between Mr. Borchers and Ms. Riggin as follows:

Mr. Borchers stated, “It is a brand-new tile.” Ms. Riggin asked, “This is your responsibility?” Mr. Borchers stated, “Yes, the problem is right here.” Ms. Riggin stated she thought the problem was up here going underneath. Mr. Borchers stated that his personal recommendation would be to go another 100-foot north of the driveway where the new culvert was put in and catch the water there versus trying to catch it by the driveway, because he thought it would be more advantageous. Ms. Riggin asked, “So you are talking about burying it?” Mr. Borchers stated, “Yes, like an 8-inch tile and running it south to our county main.” Ms. Riggin stated she was just hoping to dig it on top, but if you are wanting to spend that kind of money, it’s okay with her.

Mr. Henry stated, “I would like to get it fixed. Everyone is running water over there on them.”

Ms. Riggin stated, “Well, if you see the lay of the land, water went to the west, and that woods was just there.”

Mr. Henry asked, “You are saying 10 to 11 thousand. Did that include clear up to where that line is at?”

Mr. Borchers stated that was labor and materials from the new culvert the county put in, south all the way, including there are some other stuff in there that we need to be careful of, that’s why he put not to exceed 10 to 11 thousand on the quote.

Mr. Henry stated that he would like permission not to exceed \$15,000.00 to try to get that job completed.

Ms. Riggin asked Ms. Moyer if she was okay with that. Ms. Riggin stated, “We were always taught, you are not supposed to dump water on someone, but this was done years ago.”

Mr. Henry stated that some of the work with his neighbors was done recently.

Ms. Riggin stated that the county opened that back up for some reason. **(Ms. Moyer speaks from audience and voice cannot be picked up on recorder).**

Mr. Henry stated that’s what Tommy and I have talked about.

Mr. Borchers stated that after it is in and checked out and make sure everything is in there, what we will do is actually accept that as an extension to the county regulated drain, and then it is under the maintenance fees from now on.

Mr. King seconded Mr. Henry's motion. Mr. Henry asked Mr. Borchers if he knew the address of that property. Mr. Borchers stated that he did not, but it is at the corner of Smithfield Pike and Whitney Road. Mr. Brooke stated that the address is 2221 S. Whitney Road, Selma, that is where the woods is at. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Ms. Riggin stated that she did not have any further new business and asked if the other members did. Everyone answered, "No." Ms. Riggin asked Mr. Donati if he had any reports for the Board.

Jason Donati, Stormwater Educator, approached the Board and stated that he wanted to get some feedback on their annual Whiteriver cleanup. Mr. Donati stated, "We have done that for many years, and we were planning for September 19th, because we always do it on the 3rd Saturday of September. We cover Muncie and Delaware County, we do fifteen miles of river all the way through Daleville. With cases on the rise with COVID-19, we are starting to get a little bit concerned about bringing that many people together. We typically average 300 to 500 volunteers, who we send out on buses, we have a lot of people walking and participating on canoes. I was just wanting to get some feedback from the Board. We have a steering committee meeting on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. to discuss this, and I wanted to get your thoughts."

Mr. Henry stated, "Personally, I do not think it is a good idea getting everyone together. I think if you do get a large gathering, what is it 250 or more, you have to have a plan approved by Health Department. I was wondering if maybe you could just break the river up into sections, whether it is a half mile or a mile, and do it with 10 people at a time on different days. This was just a thought."

Mr. Donati stated that it is a good thought.

Ms. Riggin stated that social media is so popular now and we do want to be safe, and suggested that Mr. Donati use that. Ms. Riggin stated, "I was picking up some trash on the West Jackson Street bridge, and I said to myself when I found this big lug nut or something, I am saving that from going down the river." Furthermore, Ms. Riggin stated, "What you could do is use social media and just say *grab a bag and go out and catch a sidewalk, a river, etc., and do it safely, it is good exercise*. You would not believe how fast you pick up trash and two hours later, you can go back to that same spot and there is new trash there. Trust me, people have not learned to keep their trash in their cars."

Mr. Donati stated, "I have done the Whiteriver cleanup for twelve years and we have removed over a hundred thousand pounds of trash, over 700 tires, and it does keep finding a way back. That is a good suggestion to maybe consider splitting it up into smaller groups, doing different sections to be safe. I think we would have lower numbers because of COVID obviously than we have had in the past, but it would be difficult to manage that safely with everything that is going on. So, I will take that back to the steering committee and update the Board when they figure out what they are going to do. We have delayed the Mississinewa River cleanup as well, because of the circumstances. We have also cancelled our camp this year that we talked about at the last meeting, and then trainings that we typically do are also on hold, just to take all of the precautions. Toni could not make it today, but she did send her IDEM reports to everybody via e-mail. That is all I have and thank you for the feedback and suggestions."

Ms. Riggin thanked Mr. Donati and stated, “We appreciate your work on educating people Jason.” She stated, “I have Toni’s reports that she turned in for April, May and June, and she is so thorough and we will enter this into our record. I cannot think of anything else, and asked if anybody has anything else to discuss. No one answered.

EXPENSES/CLAIMS:

Ms. Riggin entertained a motion for the approval of the claims as submitted from April 1st to July 31st in the sum of **\$42,814.26**.

Mr. Henry so moved. Mr. King seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0s**

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Next scheduled meeting is set for Tuesday, October 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (or right after the County Commissioners’ meeting)

Commissioner Sherry Riggin,
President

Surveyor Tom Borchers, Vice
President

Commissioner James King

Commissioner Shannon Henry