

**STORM WATER ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Minutes of Meeting Held**  
**March 12, 2018**

LOCATION: County Administrative Center, Ste 205 TIME: 5:00 p.m.  
155 Indiana Avenue, Valparaiso IN

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Scott Severson, Bob Gilliana, Jeff Good, and Jay Hunter were present. Also in attendance were Clay Patton-Attorney, Kevin Breitzke, Mike Novotney, Bob Thompson and staff. Matt Keiser, Jeremy Rivas and Paul Nelson were absent.

**All Recommendations will be voted on at the next Storm Water Management Board meeting**

**New Appeals:**

**Docket No.:** SA-18-0012

**Applicant:** Shirley Heinze Land Trust

**Location:** 1225 North and 75 W

**Request:** Requesting a reduction in the storm water user fee to the conservation rate of \$1.40/acre/year, min \$10 per year.

Parcel Number: 64-04-32-331-002.000-021

The proposed site plan and narrative indicate a number of potential benefits for the Storm Water Program. Additional information is to be provided by the applicant to clarify staff findings with regards to the appeals evaluation criteria. It would appear that proposed site improvements that would fully engage and educate the public on the storm water benefits being provided, are not yet complete.

Staff recommends reducing the user fee associated with this parcel by applying the "agricultural" parcel rate at this time. Once the proposed site improvements are completed, staff would support reducing the user fee by applying the "conservation" parcel rate of \$1.40/acre/year.

Parcel Number: 64-06-26-300-004.000-006

This parcel is an addition to the applicant's Meadowbrook Nature Preserve which already received the "conservation" parcel rate of \$1.40/acre/year. The parcels have been combined for taxes. Being this parcel is an addition to the Meadowbrook Nature Preserve, staff recommends reducing the user fee associated with this parcel by applying the "conservation" parcel rate of \$1.40/acre/year.

**Motion:** Jeff Good moved to approve reducing Parcel Number: 64-04-32-331-002.000-021 to the agriculture rate. When the nine criteria are met, they can come back and get the conservation rate. Bob Gilliana seconded the motion and so approved.

Motion: Jeff Good moved to approve reducing Parcel Number: 64-06-26-300-004.000-006 to the conservation rate. Bob Gilliana seconded the motion and so approved.

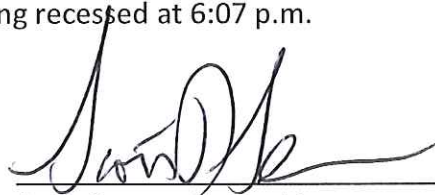
Project Updates:

Mike Novotney gave an update on the repercussions and impacts across the county from the recent flooding. This has been a flood record breaking year. Helicopter video and drone recordings are on the web page. Most discussion centered around the bridge at Marty's Landing on the Kankakee River. Another bridge cleaning will be done in a few weeks. Hopefully the Marty's landing bridge will be replaced within the next two years. The County has a new EMA person – Lance Bella. They are working on an Emergency Disaster Recovery Plan.

Open Discussion:

Susan Whitman and her husband of 477 East 830 North discussed the flooding and run off at their home. Mike Novotney advised this has been designated a problem area. They are working on a detention pond to the south. The proposed new subdivision plans are being reviewed to make sure they meet all storm water management practices. The Whitmans asked if staff would come and walk the property with them. The neighbor will have to give permission to go on his property.

There being no further business, the meeting recessed at 6:07 p.m.



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Scott Severson, President



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Mike Novotney, Engineer/Program Director