

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING

August 11, 2020

The meeting of the Storm Water Management Board was called to order in the Commissioner's Room in the County Administration Center at 155 Indiana Avenue, Valparaiso, IN on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Jeff Good and Jim Biggs. Commissioner Laura Blaney was absent. Also present were, Kevin Breitzke, Scott McClure, Bob Thompson and Mike Novotney.

Consent Agenda – Drainage Board

Cases –

Docket No.: SM-17-0022

Applicant: John Bednash

Location: NW Corner of CR 600 W and US Hwy 30

Request: To obtain after the fact approval for work previously conducted within the regulated drainage easement associated with Peregrine Ditch and to install 2 – 36" culverts in Peregrine Ditch to provide access from one side of the ditch to the other.

SWAB Recommendation: Motion to deny passed 4-0. This case was on the Agenda to allow the application to be formally closed out. A revised application is also on the Agenda.

Docket No.: SM-20-0021

Applicant: MapleNet c/o Troyer Group

Location: Various locations in central Porter Co., in Center Twp. Crossings: CR 150 W/Hayes Leonard Rd (West Hills Ditch), CR 50 W/Heavlin Rd (Block Ditch), CR 50 W/Heavlin Rd (Parker-Ditch-Gilleevan Terrace Arm), and Division Rd (Parker Ditch).

Request: To install fiber optic cable conduit (1 conduit) across 4 regulated drains, including West Hills Ditch, Block Ditch, Parker Ditch – Gilleevan Terrace Arm, and Parker Ditch.

Purpose: To install fiber optic network to provide networking capabilities to Valparaiso Community Schools.

SWAB Recommendation – This case had been continued from the July meeting. At last night's meeting the Board found out the work has already been completed. They recommended after the fact approval with all the conditions laid out in the staff report. They also recommended an inspection and investigations to make sure the work was done in accordance with the plans and that no damage had been done to the subject regulated drains.

Docket No.: SM-20-0028

Applicant: Mark Dickinson

Location: 506 Bittersweet Court, Chesterton

Request: To reduce the drainage easement associated with Pope O'Connor Ditch on Lot 15 of Tanglewood Subdivision from 75' to 50' to allow for construction of an addition to an existing single-family residential home.

SWAB Recommendation – approve reducing the drainage easement associated with Pope O'Connor Ditch on Lot 15 of Tanglewood Subdivision from 75' to 50', as measured from the centerline of the ditch, and pursuant to staff recommendations.

Docket No.: SM-20-0029

Applicant: John Bednash

Location: NW Corner of CR 600 W US Hwy 30

Request: To obtain after the fact approval for work previously conducted within the regulated drainage easement associated with Peregrine Ditch and to install a 72” culvert in Peregrine Ditch to provide access from one side of the ditch to the other.

SWAB Recommendation – all violations associated with work previously performed on the site have been resolved. The Board recommends to approve installation of the 72” culvert in accordance with all of the conditions outlined in staff report, which includes having a representative present while the work is being performed.

Jeff Good asked for an explanation of how MapleNet did all of the work before it had been approved. Mike Novotney explained MapleNet had a consultant take care of the permits for them, had obtained permits to conduct work within the right-of-way, and were under the impression everything had been taken care of. But they had not yet received authorization to conduct work within the regulated drains. Jeff suggested looking at the right of way language and the pricing for broadband. There should be an inspection process for utility work within the right-of-way. Possibly utilities should be required to submit a bond in order to conduct work within the right-of-way to ensure it is completed in accordance with applicable standards.

Claims – Regulated Drains (Drainage Board Approval)

Crooked Creek, North	\$17,514.20
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Motion: Jim Biggs moved to approve the Consent Agenda – Drainage Board. Jeff Good seconded the motion and so approved with a voice vote of 2-0.

Consent Agenda – Storm Water Management Board

Claims – Storm Water Fund (Storm Water Management Board Approval)

Crooked Creek, South	\$9,321.00
Division Road & CR 100 W	\$24,260.92
Hidden Hollow Subd.	\$1,112.50
Kemper Ditch	\$1,712.50
Munson Ditch	\$11,800.00
Pleasant Minor Subd/CR 950 S & CR 50 E	\$28,932.48
Sauk Council Estates Subd	\$2,480.00
Shorewood Forest Subd	\$1,282.50

Claims – Storm Water Bond Fund (Storm Water Management Board Approval)

Old South Haven Subd/South Central Storm Sewer	\$684,781.84
Old South Haven Subd/Storm Sewer Rehabilitation	\$251,620.34
Old South Haven Subd/Squirrel Creek Diversion	\$491,666.00
	\$1,428,068.18

Motion: Jim Biggs moved to approve the Consent Agenda – Storm Water Management Board. Kevin Breitzke seconded the motion and so approved with a voice vote of 3-0.

Stormwater Management Board

Jeff Good discussed bidding discrepancies. At a recent Council meeting, a councilmember commented on a 10% rule in Lake, Porter and LaPorte Counties. For the record, the State Legislature repealed this rule about nine (9) years ago. What the councilmember was talking

about does not exist. This Board is following the rules. They are following the County's Responsible Bidders Ordinance.

Announcements

Saddlebrook Subdivision - Storm Water Management System Improvements. This project is in Liberty Township. It consists of reconstruction and enhancement of existing drainage and storm water infrastructure, including a detention basin, swales, and master perimeter drain titles, to address existing drainage and storm water management issues. The County will be given permanent access to the area. Sealed quotes or bids will be opened and a contract awarded at a future meeting.

Discussion followed regarding fixing old problems, acquiring easements, gaining construction access, new development, and the perception of the Department by the developers, engineers, and property owners. Some of them do not realize the process to be followed and why it has to be followed for the benefit of everyone. The Department is working to fix problems in many existing subdivisions – at a significant cost to the feepayer – that might not have been problems if there were a good development review and inspection program in place.

Sunnybrooke Subdivision – Storm Water Management System Improvements. Construction of new storm water infrastructure, including storm sewer, storm sewer structures, and an overland flow route to address significant drainage and flooding issues affecting the area around intersection of CR 1050 N and CR 400 E. Sealed quotes or bids will be opened and a contract awarded at a future meeting.

Request for Quote Results, Quote Acceptance and Contract Awards

Mike Novotney explained the Department sought quotes for their own vehicle to give them access to areas not accessible by truck. The request was for an Argo Frontier 700 6X6 Extreme Terrain Vehicle. They requested quotes from four dealers. Two did not respond. One was not able to provide a vehicle in the near future. The one remaining was:

Premier Truck Rental LLC	\$13,471.95
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Motion: Jim Biggs moved to accept the bid of Premier Truck for an Argo Frontier 700 6X6 Extreme Terrain Vehicle in the amount of \$13,471.95. Seconded by Kevin Breitzke and so approved with a voice vote of 3-0.

Proposal Acceptance & Contract Award

Storm Water Program Social Media Campaign. Assist the Storm Water Program with launching and maintaining a social media campaign to provide improved public outreach, education, and engagement and inform the public about our ongoing projects and programs. Three vendors were interviewed. The interviewers recommend awarding the contract to JCMS. There is an initial meeting charge of \$150 and then \$249 per month thereafter for a one-year contract.

Jeff Good asked that he be involved in the initial meeting, along with Commissioners Blaney and Biggs. He also wants to make sure the company works hard on driving people to the web site.

Motion: Jim Biggs moved to approve the contract from JCMS. Seconded by Kevin Breitzke and so approved with a voice vote of 3-0.

Shorewood Forest Subdivision, Storm Water Infrastructure Study. Investigation and analysis of the existing storm water infrastructure serving the Shorewood Forest subdivision. The study will serve as the foundation for future storm water capital improvements and repair and maintenance efforts in the subdivision. Today, the Department is seeking approval of the Agreement developed for the project with Christopher B. Burke Engineering. The Agreement amount is \$162,396.00. The Agreement includes a scope of services and a schedule of when those tasks are to be completed. Mike Novotney went through that schedule.

Motion: Kevin Breitzke moved to approve the Agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering for the Shorewood Forest Subdivision, Storm Water Infrastructure Study. Jim Biggs seconded the motion and so approved with a voice vote of 3-0.

Memorandum of Understanding between Porter Co Storm Water Management Board and Porter Co Municipal Airport Authority regarding the Washington Square Subdivision Storm Water Management System

Mike Novotney explained this is a license agreement for the Department, as agents of the Board, to conduct the storm water improvements project and then have the ability to inspect, repair, maintain, and reconstruct the work in the future if necessary. This is revocable but is the most efficient way to obtain the required land rights from the airport authority.

Motion: Jim Biggs moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Porter County Storm Water Management Board and Porter County Municipal Airport Authority regarding the Washington Square Subdivision Storm Water Management System. Seconded by Kevin Breitzke and so approved with a voice vote of 3-0.

Project Updates

Pleasant Minor Subdivision 1757-D-1 Storm Water Improvements. This project has just reached final completion. At this point they are doing restoration items.

Old South Haven Storm Water Improvements, Phase 1. Roads are being paved right now as part of the South Central Storm Sewer Project.

#20-001 Storm Sewer Lining and Rehabilitation Project. They are rehabbing a lot of structures right now to get a head of the lining.

#20-048 Midway Dr. Detention Basin Expansion Project. This project will be underway with excavation next week.

So far this year 95 projects have been initiated with a contract value of almost \$8.3 Million. Of these projects, 85 have been initiated under a work order, representing smaller repair, maintenance, and construction projects.

Next Meeting: September 1, 2020, 9:00 am

There being no further business, the meeting recessed.

Jeff Good, President

Mike Novotney, Engineer/Program Director