

**Stormwater Management Board Meeting  
Town of Porter, Indiana  
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**Minutes From The Meeting On February 15, 2005**

Board President Roger Abraham called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present were Roger Abraham, Stephen Rohe and Ed Pilarski. Others present at the meeting were Bill Sexton, Jennifer Granat, Jim Mandon and Kenn Krause.

The minutes from the special Board Meeting conducted on February 8, 2005 were reviewed and approved by the board 3-0.

The special meeting was called in order to discuss and approve the final draft Storm Water Quality Management Plan (SWQMP) for the Town of Porter. The SWQMP is being developed and finalized by the Town of Porter Town Planner for review, comments and approval by the board. Mr. Jim Mandon is the Town Planner. The mandated SWQMP is Subpart C of the Town of Porter's stormwater quality submission to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The extended due date for the town's submission of a finalized and approved SWQMP to the IDEM is March 1, 2005.

Mr. Mandon began the meeting by reporting the draft SWQMP had been finalized and is ready for the board's approval. Mr. Sexton then reported both the Erosion Control Ordinance and the Illicit Discharge Ordinance have been tabled by the Town of Porter Town Council. Both ordinances have previously been approved by the stormwater board and submitted to the Town Council during the board's meeting held on January 25, 2005. Mr. Sexton said the Town Council will do what is necessary to have both ordinances adopted by the town and sent with the SWQMP submission by March 1, 2005.

Mr. Mandon then reported on the status of the industrial user listing required to be submitted within the SWQMP. Andershocks has been added due to the potential of agricultural chemicals at the business impacting stormwater discharges from the business. The board then suggested the Splash Down Dunes Water Park be added due to the potential of water treatment chemicals from the park impacting stormwater discharges from the facility. After discussion, the board agreed to have both businesses added to the industrial user list. Other designated industrial users include Worthington Steel, Steel City Truck Stop, Tilden Enterprises, Signature Graphics and the Travel Port Truck Stop.

Kenn Krause reported that the total cost to the town for the stormwater improvements along Woodlawn Avenue would be ½ or \$35,000 of the total cost of \$70,000. The Town of Chesterton's share of the cost will also be \$35,000. President Abraham then discussed the flooding problems along Marquette Street and at Carlson Corners. Carlson Corners has been a designated area for stormwater improvements. President Abraham requested Mr. Krause look into starting the project at Carlson Corners as soon as possible.

President Abraham then discussed the overgrown conditions of trees and brush within Petersen Ditch and the responsibilities of Porter County in maintaining the ditch. Petersen Ditch is a county stormwater ditch. Secretary Pilarski requested a letter be sent to the Porter County Surveyor's Office in order to express the town's concerns regarding the county's maintenance of the ditch. The board, Mr. Mandon and Mr. Sexton agreed. Mr. Mandon will put together a letter for the board's consideration.

The budget portion of the final draft SWQMP was discussed by the board and Mr. Mandon. It was agreed that the town's portion of the Woodlawn Avenue Project be included within the budget for the year of 2005. The proposed five (5) year stormwater budget for the town will total \$950,000 beginning in the year 2005 and ending through the year of 2009. In addition, the institution of a stormwater user fee was chosen by the board as the funding mechanism for the town's stormwater mandates and associated projects. Stormwater user fee verbiage has been included within town's final draft SWQMP.

At the closing of the board's discussion concerning the final draft SWQMP, Secretary Pilarski made a motion to approve of the final draft SWQMP, for submission to the Town of Porter's Town Council, with the addition of the Splash Down Dunes Water Park being designated as an industrial user and the addition of \$35,000 within the stormwater budget in 2005. Vice President Rohe seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the board 3-0.

In new business, President Abraham presented to the board a stormwater and flooding problem for the board's consideration. Recent flooding due to wet weather events has been a problem for the residents living in the area of 20<sup>th</sup> Street and West Morgan Avenue. President Abraham requested Mr. Krause investigate the flooding problems experienced in the area.

President Abraham then suggested the board bring in AMCE Earth And Environmental for a presentation at the next scheduled meeting of the board in order to discuss the various methods in which to properly calculate a stormwater user fee. The board agreed.

There were no further comments by the board or from those in attendance at the meeting.

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President Abraham adjourned the special board meeting at 6:00 p.m. after a motion to adjourn was carried by the board 3-0.

The next Stormwater Management Board Meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.

Roger Abraham  
President

Stephen A. Rohe  
Vice-President

Edward Pilarski  
Secretary