

Stormwater Management Board

Town of Porter, Indiana

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Minutes From The Meeting Held On October 24, 2006

Board Vice President Ed Pilarski called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Vice President Pilarski then led those in attendance in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present was Board Member Bill Cantrell. Absent was Board President Stephen Rohe. Others present at the meeting were Mr. Karl Bauer, Town of Porter Public Works Director, Mr. Heshem Khalil, Town of Porter Engineer, Ms. Christine Livingston of the Save the Dunes Conservation Fund, Ms. Snook Pisowicz and Mr. Raymond Carnes.

The meeting began with the Vice President Pilarski tabling for approval the minutes from the board's regular meeting and a special meeting respectively held on September 26, 2006 and on October 13, 2006 at the Porter Town Hall. The approval of the noted meeting minutes will be undertaken at the next scheduled board meeting.

Mr. Bauer reported on the proposed storm water infrastructure improvement project for the intersection at Oak Hill Road and Waverly Road. Sealed bids for the work will be opened at the Porter Town Council meeting scheduled for this evening at 7:00 p.m. There were bids submitted for the work by two (2) companies. Traffic control at the intersection may be of concern during the course of the project.

Mr. Bauer reported concerns regarding the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's failure to approve the Town's required, revised and submitted Part C of the Town's Stormwater Management Plan-Program Implementation. A response from IDEM to the Town is past 90 days. After further discussion, the board agreed with Mr. Bauer on sending a letter of inquire to the IDEM regarding this issue.

Ms. Livingston then presented a discussion on the merits of designing a Two-Stage Natural Channel for stormwater improvements and provided an agenda for a seminar to be held regarding this subject. A copy of the agenda for the "Stream in a Ditch Seminar" which is to be presented by the Save the Dunes Conservation Fund at the new Porter County Visitors Center on December 6, 2006 is attached to these minutes as reference.

Mr. Khalil did not have a current issue or additional items to report on to the board at this time.

Underneath new business, Ms. Snook Pisowicz of 85 Ed Mcdashowicz Drive within the Town of Porter discussed her concerns regarding the stormwater infrastructure improvements scheduled to begin behind the Westchester Animal Clinic. Mr. Khalil and Mr. Bauer satisfactorily responded to her concerns regarding stormwater runoff and local traffic congestion during the construction.

During the public comments/open discussion portion of the meeting, Mr. Raymond J. Carnes of 738 East Oak Hill Road within the Town of Porter discussed a stormwater drainage problem near his residence. Mr. Khalil and Mr. Bauer satisfactorily responded to his concerns regarding the area's stormwater runoff problems and a copy of the letter from Mr. Carnes to the board is attached to these minutes as reference.

Vice President Pilarski then asked if there were any further discussion or comment from the members of the board or from those present at the meeting.

There was no further comment.

Vice President Pilarski adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m. The next meeting of the board has been scheduled for 5:00 p.m. at the Porter Town Hall on Tuesday, November 28, 2006.

Stephen A. Rohe
President

Edward J. Pilarski
Vice President

William Cantrell
Board Member