

**Minutes**  
**Lowell Stormwater Management Board**  
**Thursday, October 3, 2013**  
**Regular Meeting**

**I. Call to order: Matt Lake called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call**

Roll Call was taken: Edward Corns present, Matt Lake present, Tom Cartwright present

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

Ed Corns made a motion to approve minutes from July 11, 2013. Motion was seconded by Matt Lake, Carried 3-0

**V. Old Business**

**Powell Ditch Report:**

The Powell Ditch report included discussion on the notification of the nearby residents that work was going to be done in the area. Project specifications, including the schedule to work on the East-west leg of the ditch first. The details of the proposed SHE engineering drawings, specifically the pipe size (existing 24", proposed 36", L.C.Surveyor approved 42") Channel redirection (90 degrees in a 10' RCP structure) and the outfall (duckbill backflow preventer) were discussed. The capacity of an approximate 2yr rain event was discussed.

36" pipe extending southward from the bend in the Powell Ditch southward through RCP and the televising of the first 150' of the channel was discussed. Councilman Corns proposed borrowing a larger tractor to be able to televise the remaining length of the pipe.

The question of the last L.C. Drainage Board Maintenance project as asked.

**VI. New Business**

○ **Stormwater Budget Report Stormwater**

Greg White verbally presented a rough estimate of approximately \$90,000 collected in the Stormwater Fund, and also mentioned that very few expenditures are being made out of the fund in an effort to let the fund build for the first year of its existence

○ **Infrastructure mapping**

- Greg White, Stormwater Coordinator presented a map of the Town of Lowell showing GIS created data relating to Retention/Detention ponds in Lowell, answering requests from the July meeting relating to location, maintenance and ownership of all of the ponds within the town limits.
- A discussion was held about the possibility of holding developers responsible for new ponds through bonds.
- A discussion was held about the possibility of inspecting ponds in order to enforce maintenance requirements.
- A discussion was held about the collection of data outlining a precise cost of maintaining the ponds that are now under the jurisdiction of the Town Street Dept.

- A discussion was held on a letter written by Matt Lake to the Lowell Town Council about maintenance and liability tied to the pond existing on private property that the Town is maintaining. Matt noted that he had gotten no response on the letter. Councilman Corns noted that property owners and POAs should be held responsible for Pond maintenance.
  - Mr. Cartwright noted that there was no information presented to him about pond maintenance in his neighborhood (Heritage Falls) when he purchased his property.
  - Greg White presented his research on all information pertaining to ponds, detention and retention that could be found in existing ordinances and highlighted that there is verbiage within the existing laws that prevents the Town from accepting ponds.
- **Stormwater - Coordinator MCM Report**
  - Greg White, Stormwater Coordinator presented a report of the work that The Town of Lowell Stormwater Department is tasked with. The report was organized by the 6 Minimum Control Measures required to organize reporting and filing information to IDEM.
- **Indiana Geographic Information Council**
  - Greg white presented a discussion about a request from Reggie Korthals concerning the Indiana Geographic Information Council (IGIC) and an idea within the Legislative Committee of that organization to fund State Level GIS data depositories with local funds collected from MS4 fees. The discussion highlighted that fees are meant for operating needs at the local level as well as the fairness of such a proposal considering some MS4s are not governments and some local bodies are not required to participate in the MS4 program.
- **FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps**
  - Matt Lake reviewed FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for the town of Lowell. Greg White committed to finding out how many flood insurance policies exist in Lowell.
- **Green Street BMPs**
  - A discussion was led by Matt Lake to introduce more green infrastructure into the Town Standards so that they will be readily accessible to developers when they design new developments for the town.

## VII. Public Comment

There were no audience members in attendance for public comment

## VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Edward Corns at 7:59 P.M. Seconded by Matt Lake. Carried 2-0

Matt Lake, President

Tom Cartwright, Secretary

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