

MINUTES OF THE DEKALB COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING OF JULY 30, 2020

Chairman Randall J. Deetz called the regular meeting of the DeKalb County Drainage Board to order at 8:30 a.m., Thursday July 30th, 2020. Answering roll call was Randall J. Deetz; Michael E. Krehl; Donald D. Grogg; Jacqueline R. Rowan and William Hartman

ALSO PRESENT: Drainage Board attorney Shannon E. Kruse; Administrative Assistant Brenda Myers; Surveyor Mike Kline and staff member Nate Frye.

IN ATTENDANCE: Joe Gabet; Jovian Susanto; Cody Wade

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Bill Hartman to approve the Minutes of July 23rd, 2020 as standard minutes taken by the DeKalb County Drainage Board, seconded by Jacqueline R. Rowan.

DRAIN VARIANCE – JAMES FERGUSON DRAIN NUMBER 86-00-0: The drain variance as presented July 16th, 2020 (*Ref. page 494, Minute Book 15*) for Jeff Barkhaus to install a sewer line under the drain now requires the signatures of the Board. Part of the variance refers to the parallel line and that portion will remain forty feet (40') from the top of bank.

Don Grogg noted that that Mr. Barkhaus owns the property north of the ditch (south side of CR 64, west of CR 27) also and he is planning on mining the peat out of there, so there is an issue with the Airport regarding a pond in that location.

Mike Kline said that he has not received anything from Mr. Barkhaus as to what he is going to do, if he mines it that is not something that he (Mike) would be concerned with however the Airport would be. If he plans to make a connection to the drain that is something that will have to be talked about.

Bill Hartman stated that the Airport stance on that is that Mr. Barkhaus, if he mines peat, he is going to have to pump it dry within forty-eight hours of water occurring in that. It is well within the overlay, it is better than half way into the overlay of the outside dimension.

Don Grogg moved that the Board, on the recommendation of the Surveyor, approve and sign the Permit Agreement and Consent for Variance to Build a Permanent Structure within the Right of Way of Regulated Drain, seconded by Mike Krehl, motion carried.

PLAN COMMISSION PETITION – FOREST RIVER PROJECT: Joe Gabet, ForeSite Consulting, LLC is present for a small building addition on the west side of the building, as well as a new 63,000 square foot building as shown on the plat. The property is odd shaped and runs adjacent to the Big Run drain so in Mr. Gabet stated that in conversations with Mike Kline, it was decided that because it is adjacent it is better to let their water go straight into the drain instead of detaining it onsite. The biggest concern was with the adjoining landowner who has runoff going on to him, they have installed pipe and made some improvements.

It was questioned if there was any feedback from the landowner to the east and it was stated that at the Plan Commission meeting in Butler this past Monday no one objected to the project.

Don Grogg moved to approve the Drainage Plan for Forest River Manufacturing, LLC as per the plans and specification dated June 15, 2020 with a revision date of July 14, 2020 and the Storm-water Management Report dated July 28, 2020, all by ForeSite Consulting, LLC, seconded by Mike Krehl, motion carried.

ERIC MORRIS DRAIN NUMBER 416-00-0: Chairman Deetz reported that he and the surveyor met on-site with Rodney Leavitt who had some legitimate concerns considering the fact that this work was done in his yard and not a farm field, and therefore he was asked to put those highlighted concerns in the form of a letter/email for the Board to review/address.

PLAN COMMISSION PETITION – REPLAT LOT #1 SCHWARTZ ESTATES: Surveyor Mike Kline presented this on behalf of Greg Roberts, Donovan Engineering, Inc. This came to the Board before but it's being changed because the people who are buying this want the pond and barn so they selling that off. Mike said he didn't know what the acreage was on the small portion of land that will be left but it was said it's not big enough for a septic, however that's not the concern of this Board.

Chairman Deetz stated that it may not be the concern of this Board right now however, there needs to be a notation that this Board shared the concern that this piece of land is not two acres and no longer arguably a buildable site in the future. The Drainage Board has notable concerns and it is an elected official/responsible citizen's duty to at least pass that on to the Plan Commission who can do what they want with it.

Surveyor Mike Kline said that he would not get involved as this is not his business, nor his area to deal with. 1

Surveyor Mike Kline reported that this is the Replat of Lot #1 Schwartz Estates and is in the watershed of the *George Wade Regulated Open Drain Number 31-00-0* and the *E. L. Dilley Regulated Open Drain Number 155-00-0*. The plat does not appear to exceed the threshold set by the Drainage Board for additional drainage improvements. This development shall not block off-site drainage across the site. Storm water from these lots shall be directed onto the parent tract and not onto adjoining tracts. This report is subject to any additional information submitted at the Plan Commission hearing.

A motion was made by Don Grogg to accept the report of the Surveyor concerning the drainage, subject to any new evidence presented at the Plan Commission meeting and requests the Administrative Assistant to pass this decision of the Drainage Board to the Plan Commission, seconded by Jackie Rowan. Motion passed. Bill Hartman voted nay due to the concerns of the tract being too small.

1 Mike Krehl moved that the Drainage Board share their concern with the Plan Commission with leaving a lot sized too small for future building, and that notation be attached in the form of a letter to the recommendation given on the drainage, the concern has nothing to do with the drainage, seconded by Bill Hartman, motion carried.

GARRETT PLAN COMMISSION – WALT FULLER MOMENTIVE WEST ADDITION: Present is Cody Wade, MLS Engineering on behalf of Momentive Addition located at 420 N Taylor Road in Garrett Indiana where they will be adding a building addition on the west side and also adding a new building. There is an existing pond that was designed with this addition in mind but that was thirty years ago; the pond is sized properly for both the addition and new building. As part of this project they will be cleaning up the pond by removing the overgrowth and repairing any erosion that occurred over the years. The Garrett Plan Commission has approved this contingent upon Drainage Board approval.

Surveyor Mike Kline asked the Board to approve the drainage plan as per the plans specifications and drainage report dated July 29, 2020 by MLS Engineering. On those plans is the requirement that the pond be cleaned.

A motion was made by Mike Krehl to approve the Drainage Plan for the Momentive-West Addition as per the plans, specifications and drainage report dated July 29th, 2020 by MLS Engineering, subject to any new evidence presented at the Garrett Plan Commission meeting and requests the Administrative Assistant to pass this decision of the Drainage Board to the Garrett City Plan Commission, seconded by Don Grogg, motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL: State Highway crossings; monuments and replacing culverts are high on the list of the surveyor's office busy work. Mr. Hurrand is calling the surveyors office complaining that things aren't getting done on the *John Ketcham Drain Number 334-00-0* Mike said.

Chairman Deetz suggested that Mr. Hurrand be invited to a Drainage Board meeting where his concerns will be addressed.

Mike asked that the Board think about and put a plan together on the *Fred Groscup Jr. Drain (#335-00-0)*, we need to get over the *William Peckhart (#22-00-0)* up to the county pond as that would relieve a lot of problems because he could lower that pond so that it doesn't run into that tile headed for Auburn under the Interstate.

Don Grogg shared that the Commissioner's voted last Monday (July 27th) to pay for the cost of rerouting the Groscup Jr. from the pond over to the Peckhart ditch. A Consent and Waiver would be needed and Mike said he can get that done, he will do a quick design on that, put the list together for the Consent and we can get this done.

PERMITS: Permit for Guy Platter, Nate was working on that but they changed the forms so he is redoing that; Mike said he is trying to get Guy Platter, George Matson Lateral 11 and the one in Ashley put together.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Randall J. Deetz, Chairman

Brenda F. Myers, Administrative Assistant