

MINUTES OF THE DEKALB COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

Chairman Randall J. Deetz called the regular meeting of the DeKalb County Drainage Board to order at 8:30 a.m., Thursday September 24, 2020. Answering roll call was Randall J. Deetz; Michael E. Krehl; Donald D. Grogg; Jacqueline R. Rowan and William L. Hartman.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Kevin Heller; Joe Gabet; Angela Wallace

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Don Grogg to approve the Minutes of September 17th, 2020 as standard minutes taken by the DeKalb County Drainage Board, seconded by Jacqueline Rowan, motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL: A situation was discussed where at the Gun Range in St. Joe a private tile had been put in that drained down to a county tile; Dan Crow who lives just to the west of their had asked them if he could dump in his peat pump water into their tile, the Board told him no, but the president told him yes he went ahead and did it. The Gun Range has since had trouble with their private tile and a contractor told them that there is raw sewage in there and it was traced back to Dan Crow's property. The Gun Range is wondering if they can cut the tile off but the Health Department said Dan Crow's issue has to be taken care of. There is no contract or anything written up about connecting to the tile.

It was determined that this is a private matter between those two entities.

DRAIN VARIANCE – GEORGE MATSON LATERAL 2 SPUR 4 DRAIN NUMBER 73-02-4: This drain is on property owned by Paul Kohli in Hamilton Indiana where a septic system will be installed forty (40') feet from the tile drain (ref. Minute Book 15, page 488). Mike said they have prodded and found the tile, they have staked the area where the finger system is going to be placed and they will be no closer than forty feet (40') to the county drain. Mike asked that when the landowner comes in to sign and record this document that he also come to his office so he can inform Mr. Kohli that he wants this staked out permanently with some kind of fence posts/barrier, or something that will show that a septic system is in that location.

Mike Krehl moved that the Board, on the recommendation of the Surveyor, with the condition that said landowner stake out the area, to 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 Don Grogg, motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL: Kevin Linnemeier, Tri-County Excavating is cleaning and finishing up the *Marvin Walker Drain Number 403-00-0*; he will be working on the *William Bickel Drain Number 133-00-0* with the clean-up and grading that needs done and they are trying to find a place to move the tile off of Jim Deetz's property. Mike said he wants to keep that tile up in that area so he can continue west on that line, but he has to dig up the southwest corner to make sure they have the fall.

Chairman Deetz asked that Mike talk to Kenny Hartman and keep him in the loop so he can let them know when the beans are off and Mike said his guys were going up to talk to them to see if they can find a place for the tile.

Mike Krehl asked if on the top end of the Bickel ditch if there was a plan to look at that when the crops are off to see what needs to be done.

Mike Kline stated that is what he is waiting on; he needs a place to store the pipe because he doesn't want to put it in until he knows the top end is clear there to the south west, and that hole is going to drain through the system that we have or whether he needs to lower it.

The Surveyor said he is looking to get the seeding done on the *James Ferguson Drain Number 86-00-0*; starting on the *Eric Morris Drain Number 416-00-0* next week with the seeding and if they have to do tree trimming that will most likely happen this winter.

Chairman Deetz asked for Mr. Morris' contact information so he can reach out to him, he will either drive out or email him.

On the *Guy Platter Drain Number 112-00-0* it was asked if the State Permit has been applied for yet and Nate said it is 'in the works'.

On the *Ora Bohler Drain Number 54-00-0* Mike has been talking with Rory Walker and its possible one of Rory's tiles may have gotten plugged off. Mike said the Board may want to consider bonding this project so the payback can be stretched out further. Mike said that Rory was going to talk to Rocky Squier about the north side and Rory said that if he could get Rocky to agree, that they would redo the north side at their expense, and then the county would do the work under the State Highway and under the railroad they can check that line out to see if they can give it more capacity.

It was stated that even though they may redo a tile at their own expense that it would not take them out of the watershed and they would still be assessed and Mike said that they both are aware.

PLAN COMMISSION PETITION – REPLAT OF LOT 1 TIMBERCREST SUBDIVISION: Present is Angela Wallace, Compass Land Surveying Inc., on behalf of Dan and Cynthia Myers located on County Road 36 who are looking to replat Lot 1; they own the parcel to the north and west 20' and they are seeking to combine the two pieces of land to put a barn in that location.

Chairman Deetz stated that he has a concern that this does not meet the two-acre threshold and Angela said they will be asking for a variance through the Plan Commission.

Mike Kline said they already have a house and septic on the lot, they are adding these two pieces to that existing homestead which makes the lot larger; a variance will be required. The landowners want their barn to be just off of the asphalt driveway and that is why they are having to add the two parcels.

Surveyor Mike Kline reported that this is the Replat of Lot 1 Timbercrest Subdivision. This plat is in the watershed of *Cedar Creek Regulated Open Drain Number 470-00-0*. This plat is for the purpose of adding additional land to the existing Lot #1 of Timbercrest Subdivision and does not create an additional building site and therefore does not significantly increase the storm water runoff from the lot. This development shall not block offsite drainage across the site. Storm water from this lot 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, with the notation that this does not meet the two-acre minimum for future septic systems as required by the county, and this is all 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 Jacqueline Rowan. Vote was 4-1 with Bill Hartman voting against due to not meeting the two-acre minimum.

PLAN COMMISSION PETITION SESQUINTENNIAL: Joshua Lash did not appear so this petition was moved to October 1st, 2020.

PLAN COMMISSION PETITION HUMANE PLACE SUBDIVISION: Present is Joe Gabet, ForeSite Consulting, LLC on behalf of DeKalb County Humane Society, Inc. south of County Road 56 and west of County Road 11-A where there will be a new humane shelter built on a 4-acre site which is property that was donated. There will be a detention pond that will be a dry detention running along the south side of the building and up along the east side of the building. Joe stated that he has been in discussion with Mike Kline as to the best release and release rate to provide and it was determined a minimum 4" would be the best route and that would reduce what is currently running into the drain.

Mike Kline stated that a drainage plan will be shown once the plat has been approved.

There were questions raised regarding sewage and Joe stated that they will be doing a septic tank because the closest sewer line is on the east side of Interstate 69; they are working with the Health Department on that and have submitted paperwork as well. It was asked if this will be a commercial and Joe stated that this is commercial and is going through the State for all approval.

Surveyor Mike Kline reported that this plat is in the watershed of the *Don Van Fliet Regulated Open Drain Number 40-00-0*. 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 and storm water from this lot shall be directed onto the parent track and not onto adjoining tracts. The drainage plan is required to be presented to the Drainage Board for any development on the site and 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 plat as presented, 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 Mike Krehl, motion carried.

There being no further discussion, meeting adjourned.

Randall J. Deetz, Chairman

Brenda F. Myers, Administrative Assistant