

MORGAN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

December 2, 2019

8:30 A.M.

Drainage Board members present were: Ryan Goodwin and Norman Voyles. Also present were Terry Brock (Surveyor), Bill Dials, (Stormwater Coordinator), Deb Verley (Executive Assistant), Kerstin Woodard (Surveyor Assistant), and Dale Coffey, (County Attorney). Board member Kenny Hale was not in attendance.

Pledge

Minutes

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the November 4th minutes. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-0.

New Business

Case number 19-2 Public Hearing on Flagstaff Business Park, in Brown Township, Mutual Drain Conversion to Regulated Drain. Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor, states Jones with J & J Commercial Investments petitioned for a mutual drain to be converted to a regulated drain. Joe Miller, of Banning Engineering has been hired to oversee and be the project engineer. Mr. Brock stated today's hearing would be to decide whether to take in the drain as a regulated drain, with a hearing for the assessment set for a later date. Notices have been sent to all landowners informing them of today's hearing and Mr. Brock has spoken to five of the landowners.

Chairman Goodwin opened the hearing to the public. Mr. Brock handed out plats and gave a description of the areas. The regulated areas will only include the easements and lots 3 and 10. Lots 3 and 10 are retention areas. Mr. Brock and Mr. Miller walked the area to look the sites over. Lot 3 has a lot of sediment and will need dipped and repaired, while lot 10 seems to be functioning properly. Mr. Brock presented aerial photos which shows areas in need of work.

Mr. Brock also handed out estimates for maintenance which needs completed. It is estimated to cost \$40,000, to clean the swells within the easements. The pond work is estimated at \$35,000, coming to a one time estimated cost of \$75,000. This is assuming that 40,000 feet of the ditch will need cleaned, at \$10 a foot, if approved it will be pinpointed, possibly cutting the price. Mr. Brock feels the price of \$35,000 for cleaning the pond is close to accurate, as it will take a lot of work. It is not certain at this time, that the spoils will need hauled or could be cast, the outfall of the pond may need reworked. Mr. Brock stated that Mooresville has purchased at least a 100 or more acres to the south, developing it as an industrial area, taking care of this ditch would be of benefit to Mooresville as well.

Bill Montre, the president of the Whiteland Creek Business Owners Association, which manages Flagstaff expressed that they support and encourage the decision to convert the drain. Norman Voyles asked if there is a ditch in the area. Mr. Brock responding saying that there is a ditch, which is a swell needing the trees removed so that drainage can get there. Mr. Brock also stated that the pond will need dipped, that it is a retention pond with a sediment basin, which will be brought back to design allowing it to capture the sediment. Drawings were shown to demonstrate the areas needing work. Norman Voyles motioned to close the public portion of the hearing, Ryan Goodwin seconded the motion. Motion was carried 2-0.

Chairman Goodwin reiterated that there were two possible steps; first, deciding to take in the area as a regulated drain and if decided to do so, then a date for the assessment hearing would need to be set. Norman Voyles made a motion to accept the petition as Flagstaff Regulated Drain and set the hearing date, Ryan Goodwin seconded the motion. Motion was carried 2-0. After discussion, the hearing date will be set at a future Drainage Board meeting.

Stormwater Update

Bill Dials, Morgan County Stormwater Coordinator, stated the Dollar General Store in Paragon has not yet been approved. Mr. Dials reminded that on December 7th, at 8 am the Morgan County Partnership for Water Quality will be hosting the Annual River Cleanup. Volunteers will meet at the Three Rivers fishing location along State Road 67.

Mr. Dials stated that in November there was an IDEM audit on the MS4 Program which covered public education, public outreach, and Good Housekeeping. Comments were received at the time of the audit, but Mr. Dials is still waiting on the official comments and recommendations from IDEM and their storm water coordinator. Mr. Dials said that internally things are run well, only receiving a few comments about better documentation, but that Good Housekeeping will need revisited.

Surveyor Update

Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor, handed out a copy of the first draft of the Artesian Avenue Agreement from Dale Coffey, County Attorney, stating that nothing more needed done at this time, but that it was made available for review. Mr. Brock explained that there had been a law passed a year or so ago stating that developers can put stormwater in without bonding it as long as not recorded. One case arose in November being recorded without drainage work complete, six building permits were given already before recorded. The issue is being worked over by Mr. Brock and Mr. Dials. Mr. Brock has proposed to have an ordinance written up saying that the surveyor must sign off on plats in order to be recorded, in the county and buffer zones. Mr. Brock and Mr. Dials are currently working to get the ordinance together, which would resolve this issue from happening again, most counties already do this allowing the surveyor to sign off, rather than the drainage board. Ryan Goodwin asked when Mr. Brock anticipated putting down an agenda for consideration for the Artesian Avenue Agreement to be looked at and feedback provided. Mr. Brock said that January is when he anticipates to do so.

Adjournment

Norman Voyles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-0.

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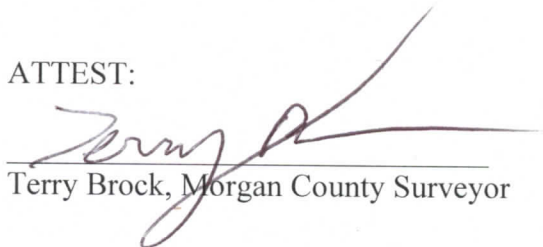
Ryan Goodwin, Commissioner

Kenny Hale, Commissioner



Norman Voyles, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor