

REGULAR DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING:

May 20, 2024

President, Dick McIntire, called the meeting to order. Members present at the meeting were the following:

Jamie Swoboda, President
Dick McIntire, Vice President
John Landers, Member
William Whitehead Member
Tom Borchers, Surveyor
Brandon Murphy, Attorney
Jennifer Licht, Recording Secretary

President, Jamie Swoboda, opened the meeting by welcoming the audience and inviting them to participate in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Swoboda entertained a motion for the approval of the April 15, 2024, Drainage Board Minutes.

Mr. Whitehead moved for approval. Motion seconded by Mr. McIntire. **Motion passed 5-0.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Swoboda addressed Mr. Borchers and asked if he had any new business to present to the Board today.

Mr. Borchers stated, I was approached by Kathy at Ashton Land Surveyor about a plot of land just North of Country Village on Pine View Dr. She wants to reduce the easement from 75 feet to 45 feet on both sides. I don't see a problem with it there is plenty of room to get through.

Mr. Henry moved for approval. Motion seconded by Mr. McIntire. **Motion passed 5-0.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Swoboda addressed Mr. Borchers and asked if he had any old business to present to the Board today.

Mr. Borchers stated, none at this time.

MAINTENANCE CLAIMS

Mr. Swoboda entertained a motion for the approval of the maintenance claims.

Mr. Whitehead moved for approval. Mr. Henry seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Mrs. Tammy Bell, property owner at, 1108 E 82nd St. Muncie approached and stated she has been requesting the ditch behind her house to be cleaned out since 2019. I brought the post card they send to me every year telling me they are going to clean it up but it never happens. Then I happen to notice that our ditch assessment we used to pay something like \$10.00 a half and then \$15.00 a half, now it's \$45.00 and \$55.00. Mr. Borchers stated "it's still \$10.00". Mrs. Bell stated "NO, I can show you, if you look at it and then if you look at the back of it and it explains what it's for, it says it's for the ditch assessment, maintaining and upkeeping because I've even called, and I've got new photos to show you.

Mr. Henry asked could we see those photos, please. You can give them to the president. Mrs. Bell approaches the bench with the photos, and to explain.

Mrs. Bell stated this picture is down the street from my house its two (2) posts and this used to be what you would call an embankment and this is the other side where its broke off and a child could gouge themselves. This next photo is as if I'm standing in my back yard and I'm looking down at what used to be the most beautiful creek you've ever seen. That's what got me in 1996 to buy this house. Here you can see this is just so over grown and they said they sprayed for weeds last year. I don't know how you did and it looks like this. I really don't. Mr. Borchers stated they just sprayed this past week too. Mrs. Bell stated there's nothing even dead. Mr. Swoboda asks when where these pictures taken? Mrs. Bell stated today. Mr. Swoboda asked those were today and we sprayed it a week ago? Mr. Borchers stated Thursday. Mrs. Bell stated this was today and I went and got them immediately. I also found this going through the ditch, which was hidden in all this all this stuff and its clogged with water, has mosquitos, larva and everything else on top of it, that's in the ditch.

Mrs. Bell stated here's a good one of where I was told because of fences we couldn't trim it. I see no fences. Mr. Swoboda stated the first photos that you gave me there was a fence line behind there but this one is not. Mrs. Bell stated, I have a fence the distance from my fence to the ditch is from me to Shannon. Travis Arnold used to do it up until he died in 2019 and it hadn't been touched.

Mr. Henry So Tom you said there was 1 or 2 people that didn't want anything done.

Mr. Borchers stated yeah, there's a property right there and I've got the photo here to show you. She won't let us spray or do any maintenance because of the tree frogs. She says its going to ruin the tree frogs. Mrs. Bell asks can I show you something on my phone? The tree frogs that she's worried about. Mr. Borchers stated we just skip her place. Mrs. Bell stated I know but this is when I'm in my bedroom when I'm going to sleep. I laugh about it with my daughter because its like oh my gosh! (plays recording on cell phone with extremely noisy tree frogs). Mrs. Bell stated this from inside my bedroom.

Mr. Henry asked do we have to leave that alone. Mr. Murphy stated this is a regulated ditch correct. Mr. Borchers stated yes. Mr. Murphy stated we don't have to leave it alone. We are intitled to do what we need to do within our regulated drains.

Mrs. Bell stated as a property owner I would be totally okay if that ditch got cleared out and you put rock there, then all you would have to do is spray. It would be so much cheaper. Mr. Borchers stated well beside the cost of rock. Mr. Henry stated yeah, so Tom do you want to meet out there? Mr. Borchers stated yes. Mr. Henry asked does anyone else want to go out there with Tom and I and take a look? Mr. Swoboda asks when are we going? Mr. Henry stated I don't know, why don't you look at your schedule, Tom and I can work around your schedule. Mr. Swoboda stated I'm on night shift all week so I'm off during the day to go out there. Mr. Murphy stated we can have more than two just so everybody knows.

Mrs. Bell stated and if somebody would look at where that railing is broke. I'm afraid that kids could fall down in and get hurt. Mr. Swoboda asked is that ours to maintain? Mr. Borchers stated that is not, that would be the city streets. Mr. Henry stated we will get out there and take a look. Mrs. Bell stated thank you.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Jamie Swoboda, President

Dick McIntire, Vice President

William Whitehead, Member

Shannon Henry, Member

John Landers, Member

Jennifer Licht, Recording Secretary