



CITY OF FORT WAYNE

BOARD OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT – PUBLIC HEARING

ROOM 035 – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES • JANUARY 25, 2022, 12:00 P.M.

MATTHEW WIRTZ, CHAIR * SHAN GUNAWARDENA, MEMBER * CHRIS GUERRERO, MEMBER
MICHELLE FULK-VONDRAN, CLERK

Present: Shan Gunawardena, Chris Guerrero, Matthew Wirtz, Michelle Fulk-Vondran, Anne Marie Smrchek, Kelly White, Eric Ruppert, James Reitz, Chris Ravenscroft, Dawn Ritchie, Kyle Winling, Nick Jarrell, Steve Muston, Brad Lewis, Nick Rupley, Austyn Smedberg, Wendy Reust, Bob Widner, Seth Weinglass, Patrick Zaharako, Vannesa Mendoza, Charlie Cochran, Kristen Buell, DeWayne Nodine and Larry Brown.

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Resolution #83610 Pierson Drain Ph I & #83855 Pierson Drain Ph II

**BOARD OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
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MEETING HELD AT 12:00 P.M.**

**MATTHEW WIRTZ, CHAIR
SHAN GUNAWARDENA, MEMBER
CHRIS GUERRERO, MEMBER
MICHELLE FULK-VONDRAN, CLERK**

Matthew: Good afternoon, we will call to order the Public Hearing to the public hearing for January 25, 2022, Resolution #83610 & 83855 Pierson Drain Phase I & II. My name is Matthew Wirtz Chair of the Stormwater Management Board, to my right is members Shan Gunawardena and Chris Guerrero and to my left is Michelle Fulk-Vondran, Clerk. Before we begin, I would like to ask that all attendees please sign in for this hearing. Anne Marie Smrchek please proceed with your presentation.

Anne Marie Smrchek: Good afternoon Board, Anne Marie Smrchek with City Utilities Engineering filling in for Project Manager Emily Grabill. In December 2021 the resolutions were approved by the board for these two projects. We are here today following the Indiana Drainage Code because these are regulated drains and the Public hearing is part of the process. We have a short presentation discussing the proposed project improvements. For a point of reference, the project is located on Lake Ave and Reed Rd, east of Coliseum Blvd and the downtown area. The Pierson drain watershed extends from the Maumee River all the way up to Tier and Maplecrest. Its is about 2.42 sq. mile drainage area. The Resolution is broken into two phases. Phase I begins inside the former Lakeside golf course with;

- Installation of a new channel through the golf course
- Installation of a 12' x4' concrete culvert under Reed Rd
- Replacement & relocation of 36" sanitary interceptor along the Pierson drain
- New 8" sanitary sewer to serve local homes
- Drainage improvements along east side of Reed Rd from Pierson Drain to Valley View Dr

The Phase II project includes;

- Modifications of Pierson Drain between Old Maysville and Lake into a two-stage channel
- Replacement of existing CMP Culverts under Lake Ave with 12' x 5' concrete box culvert

City Utilities is at undertaking these projects to:

- Improve floodplain limits in this area
- Provide new culvert at Lake Ave to reduce blockage and obstruction and debris buildup
- Improvements will allow City to file Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) from FEMA (depending on insurance provider this may reduce or remove the flood insurance requirement on homes with mortgages)
- Water quality benefits with implementation of two stage ditch along Pierson drain and wetland and riparian habitats

This is a two-phase project; anticipated project schedule would be Phase I to take bids in February 2022 and construction through 2023. Phase II we would anticipate bidding in 2023. Upon completion of Phase I & II projects the ROW associated with the Pierson drain would be reduced from 75' to 25' in accordance with Indiana code § 36-9-27-33(e). The schedule of assessment and damages shows that there are no damages to property owners and assessments will be paid by the Stormwater Utility. City Utilities staff recommends adopting the amended resolutions, if you have any questions, I would be happy to answer those.

Matthew: What exactly are we amending or changing?

Anne Marie Smrchek: The Amendment just reconfirms the signature pending this public hearing.

Matthew: Any questions for Anne Marie?

Shan: What was the span of the structure going under Lake Ave?

Anne Marie Smrchek: It will be a 12' x 5' box.

Shan: So, it will still be considered a small structure?

Anne Marie Smrchek: Yes.

Matthew: Any other questions? Thank you, Anne Marie. Is anyone present that is for or against this resolution that would like to speak, if so, please state your name, address, and try to keep comments to a couple of minutes. Again, anyone who wants to speak for or against?

Matthew: Hearing or Seeing no comments, I will entertain a motion to approve and close the public hearing for Resolution #83610 & 83855 Pierson Drain Phase I & II.

Shan: So, moved.

Chris Guerrero: Second.

Matthew: All those in favor?

Chris Guerrero, Shan Gunawardena & Matthew: Aye.

Matthew: This public hearing is hereby adjourned. Thanks!

Meeting adjourned at 12:09 PM.

Matthew A. Wirtz, Chair

Shan Gunawardena, Member

Chris Guerrero, Member

ATTEST: _____
Michelle Fulk-Vondran, Clerk

Date: _____