

MINUTES
TRI-LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
June 14, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Tom Wise, President, called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM. The meeting was held at the Tri-Lakes District Office, 5240 N. Old 102, Columbia City, IN.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. Board members present were Priscilla Peters, Bill Brice, Jerry Burns, Ruth Orr, Linda Parker and Carol Martin. Cliff Creason, Matt Shipman, and Heather Palan were also in attendance.

GUEST AND CUSTOMERS INQUIRIES DIRECTED TO TRUSTEES

Dan and Linda Fox asked the board for a septic waiver to be signed for the lot they own on 500 S and Groveland Ave that they purchased from Angela Grable. They are currently building a pole ~~sewer~~ ^{sewer} but had plans to build a house until they found out they could not get a septic permit. Carol Martin explained that when the lot was divided into the four lots that Angela was required to follow the district's subdivision policy and install main infrastructure at approx. \$100,000. She also explained that the district is going to install \$300,000 in upgrades to the system to take on these lots and other future growth. Matt Shipman explained he had spoken to Angela's husband Jeremy Patton, but had not heard anything back yet. Matt explained to the Fox's that they received a discount on the lot due to the need for the sewer to be installed versus it already being installed. Linda Fox asked Matt about what actions they have since they do not feel it was presented fairly to them. Matt told them he did not have an answer for them since he had not seen all the paperwork involved. The Fox's asked how long this would take to be settled; Matt took the question and let them know there is not currently a timeline on this due to having to get the funds for the main to be installed and even if the funds were there, pipe for the project is in short supply.

Dee and Greg Saylor – 5552 N Willow Ave – Letter was sent with bill “Why don't you publish your P&L then we understand the 1-2 increases each year. Is something broken? What is being replaced? Is it pay increases for workers?” The Trustees asked Heather to write letter from Trustees that it is only one increase, and that the P&L is published on the website each month. Also note that upgrades are being repaired as the system is over 20 years old now.

Larry Carter – 3375 W Northshore Dr-57 – Called in about rate increase stating he is a senior citizen on a fixed income and cannot afford the rate increase each year. Asked the board to consider a senior citizen discount so he can afford his groceries. The Trustees said no discount to be given.

MINUTES & REPORTS

The Minutes and Financial reports were emailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Ruth made a motioned to approve the minutes as written, Jerry Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried seven (7) to zero (0). Priscilla motioned to accept financial reports, Linda Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried seven (7) to zero (0).

NEW BUSINESS

Heather presented the Trustees a request for \$5,000 raise for taking on the accounting position. Heather explained more hours are being put in to accomplish accounting and administrator jobs. Ruth suggested giving Heather a bonus each month or paycheck instead of a raise then they would not have to worry about taking away a raise if eventually there is someone to do the accounting position, but the bonus could be taken away. After much discussion, Carol motioned to retro pay Heather \$200 per paycheck bonus for April and May for accounting position and that this will be voted on monthly, Linda seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried seven (7) to zero (0).

Seal Coating is needed on all parking lots and cracks filled in. Asphalt Maintenance Service quoted Office, Stations: A,C,D, E, F for \$3,147.00. J W Asphalt also quoted same parking lots at \$5,875.00. Priscilla motioned to have Asphalt Maintenance Service seal coat and fill cracks of parking lots, Linda seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried seven (7) to zero (0).

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On Kenny's Court in Magic Hills a new home was built by Kent Miller and connected to the sewer. Since the house has flooded at least 2 times and this last one knocked down the grinder with the amount of water that was coming in through the house drains. TJ Himes is building a house next to it and the plan was to connect his house to this same grinder pit. TJ was concerned with the neighbor's house flooding causing him sewer issues. It was suggested to place a pit on the other side of TJ Himes existing home and his new home and existing share a pit. Carol motioned to install the pit on the other side, Linda seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried seven (7) to zero (0).

OLD BUSINESS

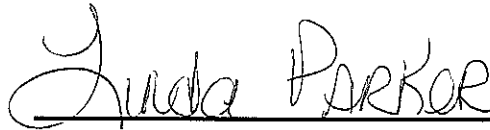
Heather received email that the Gerdes Insurance Claim has settled at end of May.
Lots on backside of Big Lake were discussed as part of Dan and Linda Fox attending meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Heather had emailed all board members to purchase 500 foot of SDR21 4" pipe that was available at Ferguson for customers of the district that would need it for the laterals since there is a major shortage of the pipe from the normal suppliers of EJP and Core & Main. All board members had replied YES to order 500 foot pipe for customers to purchase for their laterals.

Heather let the Trustees know that there is a relief grant fund issued by the State of Indiana of 100 million for water, wastewater and storm water projects. Matt Shipman will have Lori Shipman reach out to Heather to get application started. The Trustees would like to move forward with County Line Lift Station and getting down 600 N if the application would permit grant money to do so. Heather will discuss with Lori.

With nothing more to discuss, Ruth made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Priscilla Seconded; verbal vote of the motion carried by seven (7) to zero (0). Meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.



Linda Parker, Secretary