

Continuance of Public Hearing - #112 Noah Simmons
Bethlehem Township

The hearing was called to order by Dave Arnold on January 3, 2012 at 3:26 P. M..

Updated Surveyor's Report:

Tabitha Briones from Banning Engineering was present to give an updated report. She handed out updated packets to the landowners. She explained the soil boring maps. Tabitha reviewed from the meeting in November and added that Banning visited with some of the Landowner's. Tabitha explained that Banning determined that the tile is undersized and some other concerns of the Landowner's being raising and lowering the water shed. She explained the alternative recommendation of having an open ditch along the property lines, which much of it is wooded acres. Tabitha mentioned that there was a conversation with Jenny to reevaluate the water shed boundaries, based on conversations with the Landowner's. Tabitha broke the information down from the updated handouts, for reconstruction and if the watershed was just maintained. She discussed the assessment in length to possibly consider.

The new estimate for reconstruction includes land acquisitions and excavating due to soil type.

Jeff Healey from Banning went through the hand out materials in more depth regarding the open ditch portion. He went through the soil types and the problems that may occur due to the majority being sand. Also, Jeff and Tabitha had open discussion with some of the Landowner's present. Jeff took questions of concerns from the board regarding the soil type and possible erosion to an open ditch option. The open ditch is possible, but will not be the easiest to do.

Written objections or comments:

There are no new written objections or comments.

The floor is now open for public comments:

The comments are to be in favor or against of an open ditch or 2 new 24" tiles or not to proceed at all.

John Hoagland 6199 E. St. Rd. 16, Twelve Mile, IN; Will there be an open ditch at the James F. Nowland tile where the Simmons angels through the woods, because of blow outs? Jeff Healey acknowledges that the proposed is to have it as an open ditch. It is proposed to take the open ditch all the way to CR 800 N. There was much discussion on this question.

Paul Shaw 6246 E. CR 875 N., Twelve Mile, IN; He is not opposed to a good ditch, if it would help drain everything. He explains that for the cost of the project, he would have high priced ground and still possibly not be able to farm it, as he explains further.

Jeff Healey interjects information from the wetland inventory map.

A question from the public asked, what prompted the possibility of this project? Dave Arnold and Jenny Clark explained who and why this proposal came about.

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the Surveyor's Report. Gene Powlen seconded; motion passed.

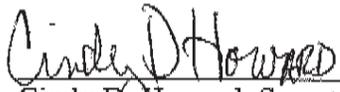
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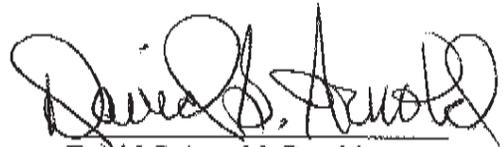
The board discussed that the majority of Landowner's don't want to pay for the project at the prices presented.

John Field 5222 E. CR 650 N., Twelve Mile, IN; He is at the meeting on behalf of his Mother, who has several acres that would be affected by this project. He explained that the water problem is a traffic hazard and a concern with the road and has been for years. He was hoping that the alternative would be the way to proceed. But doesn't sound like it is the way the majority would like it to be done due to cost.

Dave Arnold motions to abandon the project and deny the assessment increase. Jim Sailors mentions that he is not sure if the sandy soil would hold the open ditch. Gene Powlen seconds the motion; motion passed.

There being no further comments, Gene Powlen made a motion to adjourn. Jim Sailors seconded. Meeting adjourned.


Cindy D. Howard, Secretary


David S Arnold, President