

Town of Merton
Joint Public Hearing with Waukesha County
Conditional Use Request of Larry Stover (owner), W309N6319 Cindy Lane
To Conduct Land Altering Activities to Improve Site Drainage on the Property Described as Follows:
Part of the NW ¼ of Section 27, T8N, R18E, Town of Merton. More specifically, the property located at the
Cindy Lane Address cited above. Tax Key No. MRTT0394-964

Minutes of June 19, 2019

Present: Chairman Klink, Commissioners Jensen, Griffin, Fleming, Morris, Siepmann, and Good, Attorney Chapman, Waukesha County Senior Land Use Specialist Rebekah Leto, and Clerk Hann

Also, Present: Larry & Sandra Stover, Robert Kluwin, Sally and Scott Plummer, Sandy & Bill Friedrichs, Lars Nielsen, Eigenfeld, Rich & Nicole Kaiser and J Liebert.

Public Hearing Called to Order by Chairman Klink at 5:30 p.m.

Leto read the public hearing notice.

Leto passed out pictures of the subject property. Leto presented the petition for a conditional use for Larry Stover, W309N6319 Cindy Lane, Tax Key 0394964 & 0394965 and is 0.08697 acres to add fill to part of front yard to direct runoff to north corner and reduce low areas of site. Property is zoned Residential R1. In 1990 a Conditional Use was issued to fill in the front and raise grade 1.5 feet to fix a water storage issue. Leto stated that this will not fix the water drainage issue. Historically there had been an issue there. In 2008, 6 inches of top soil was added.

Larry Stover, the Petitioner, W309N6319 Cindy Lane, stated there is a problem with water coming down Cindy Lane and ending up in front of his property on his lawn. The basement level is level with ground and they have had water issues in their basement. They are seeking some relief to reduce the water run off on to their property. The engineer ran calculations that showed the standing water level would rise no greater than 1/32nd of an inch, however, there was an error in the calculation and it's more like 3/8th of an inch.

The public hearing was opened for public comments and concerns.

John Siepmann stated that he understands the water issues because he drove down there. He asked Leto if putting a culvert in would help relieve the issue to the lake.

Leto stated that is not the preferred method to drain to the lake. It should be going around a berm that was installed on another property.

Robert Kluwin, petitioner's engineer, stated that with freeze/thaw cycles, it's likely a culvert would freeze and may not function as intended. Plus, you would need to stop the culvert before the lake to allow the stormwater to filter before it entered the lake. Biggest danger is water overflowing from the wetland to the property. The County engineer estimates about 200 acres is draining to the wetland. The proposal's intention is to allow it to sheet in either direction with no culvert. They've matched up the lowest point in the roadway with where the collection basin is.

Larry Stover stated the culverts flow both ways.

Chairman Klink stated the culverts freeze during the winter and that open swale is better than a culvert, as they've had issues in the past.

Leto, asked if there were plans to repave Cindy Lane in the future.

Highway Superintendent Griffin answered no.

The public hearing closed at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hann

Clerk