

Randolph County Drainage Board

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Present:

Thomas E. Chalfant, Chairman
Michael D. Wickersham, Vice Chairman
Gary L. Girton, Member
Edwin L. Thornburg, Surveyor
Meeks Cockerill, Drainage Board Attorney
Jan F. Foulke, Drainage Board Secretary

Minutes From June 1, 2020

Thomas E. Chalfant calls the Randolph County Drainage Board meeting to order. Thomas E. Chalfant asks the Drainage Board if there are any additions, corrections, or deletions to be made to the May 4, 2020 minutes. He will accept a motion to approve the minutes, Gary Girton made a motion to approve the minutes, Mike Wickersham seconded the motion, motion carried.


Pond Clearance - Ed reminded the Board that Jan had sent them the application and pond site. Ed said that a landowner was here that surrounds 3 sides of this property. Ray Swingley wanted to know if the landowner, Angela Landers, is required to put in a leach bed for her septic system. Ray would like for the landowners to spend their money for a leach bed instead of a pond. Ray also expressed his concern about the landowner's dogs. He would like a fence installed because of the dogs roaming around. The dogs have actually bit Ray Swingley's wife. Ray wants to know if he has the right to make them build a fence. Tom deferred the question to Attorney Meeks Cockerill. Meeks instructed Ray Swingley to hire an attorney if he wants to pursue that matter.

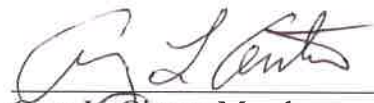
Ray wanted to know if he had the right to inspect the construction plans before they start. Ray asked about the setback and Ed said that the landowner is complying. Ed said the Board could make the landowner fence the pond but Meeks interjected that there is no current ordinance to permit the Board to make such a request. Mike asked if there was a leach bed on the property and Ray said that he only put in a septic tank 25 years ago. Ray did not know if it had been upgraded since then. Ed informed the Board that there is enough room left after completing the pond to install a leach bed. Ray wants the landowner to connect any pond overflow to Swingley's existing tile. A lengthy discussion followed. Gary Girton made a motion to accept Ed's recommendation to allow the landowner, Angela Landers, to install a pond, Mike Wickersham seconded the motion, motion carried. Tom Chalfant asked Ed if he was going to tell the landowner regarding the overflow issue. Ed said that he was going to send the landowner a letter stating the pond clearance was approved and also include the overflow stipulation.

Thomas Chalfant says if there are no further questions or comments, he will accept a motion to adjourn the meeting, Gary Girton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mike Wickersham seconded the motion, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Signed this 6th day of July, 2020.


Thomas E. Chalfant, Chairman


Michael D. Wickersham, Vice Chairman


Gary L. Girton, Member


Edwin L. Thornburg, County Surveyor