

Chair M. MacGillis called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1.0 ROLL CALL – Present: Commissioners A. Fritz, M. MacGillis, J. Mesec, and R. Murphy. Also present: Village President D. Besson, Trustee Liaison K. Meleski, Village Administrator S. Kulik and DPW Director M. Martin. Absent and excused: M Postotnik and T. Sobocinski (alternate)
Audience: 10.

2.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2.1 Approval of Minutes- Motion (A. Fritz, J. Mesec) to approve the May 16, 2019; unanimously approved.
- 2.2 Public Comment- Mr. Ronald Gilles, 5741 S Forest Park Dr., presented a petition signed by fifteen (15) residents urging Village leaders to act now to repave S. Forest Park Drive. Mr. Gilles commented on the poor condition of the pavement and inadequate roadside drainage. Director Martin acknowledged the poor condition of the road, accepted the petition, and stated that he shall pass along the petition to the Board of Trustees.
- 2.3 Written Communications- None.

3.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- 3.1 DPW Salt Storage Building- Director Martin provided an update on the project and showed pictures. Martin stated there are five remaining items to complete and gave an overview.
- 3.2 DPW Facility- Director Martin provided an update on the project including pictures. Less than desirable soil conditions were encountered during the removal of the existing foundation and excavation of the new foundation. Remedies include over excavation, use of lean mix concrete, insertion of clear stone, sand, and traffic bond, all dependent on the soil condition encountered. Foundation excavation is delayed near the northwest corner of the building because contractor awaiting WE Energies to remove a power pole.
- 3.3 2019 Road Program (South 113th St Resurfacing / W Grange Ave to W Edgerton Ave)- Martin reported that this will start after the 4th of July. A pre-construction meeting has not been scheduled yet. A letter will be going out to the residents affected regarding the resurfacing of their street.
- 3.4 2019 Ash Tree Removal Program- Martin reported that a majority of the trees are down and the stumps have been ground or treated and restored. There is limited money remaining in the project and Martin developing a list for the contractor to take care of a few more trees.
- 3.5 MMSD Chapter 13 Annual Report- Martin reported that this report has been completed and submitted to MMSD.
- 3.6 2019 Pothole Report- Martin reported on year to date of material used and approximate man-hours consumed for pot hole filling. Materials and labor to date: 26.01 tons Cold Patch, 33.72 tons Hot Mix, 90 bags (4,000 lbs.) Concrete Patch and approximately 384 man-hours.
- 3.7 2020 Refuse Collection Contract Specification Review- Martin is waiting for a one year extension proposal from Advanced.

- 3.8 MMSD CMOM & WDNR CMAR Annual Reports- Martin indicates that the reports are due by June 30th. Martin stated that he is currently working on them and will report on it when they are complete.
- 3.9 MMSD StormGUARDen Program- Martin reported that the board approved the intergovernmental cooperation agreement with MMSD. We are anticipating construction in July. The StormGUARDen will be placed in front of Village Hall facing S New Berlin Road and will accept roof runoff from the Police Department Garage area. Per the Agreement with MMSD, the village must maintain the device for a minimum of 10 years. In addition, the Village is on a waiting list for a second unit if one becomes available.
- 3.10 Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan Update- Martin reported that Village President Besson has selected members for an Ad Hoc Committee and Village Staff is developing a meeting schedule. The contract for planning services with Graef is being circulated for signatures.

4.0 PROJECTS-

- 4.1 Wildflower Court Drainage Issues- M. Martin requested that due to the audience present that the agenda be taken out of order and that Item 4.1 be taken first. Commissioner R. Murphy recused himself from the PWC due to being directly related and involved in this issue. Several residents of Wildflower Ct appeared before the PWC to comment on the excessive standing water, drainage issues, and continual sump pump operation experienced by all. The neighbors all felt that for the last year or so these conditions have worsened.

Ms. JuDee Fischer, 9110 Wildflower Ct., requested assurance that all her emails regarding the issue are shared with the PWC members. M. Martin assured her they will become part of the record. See Attached Emails.

Mr. Dan Donder, 9111 Wildflower Ct., read his letter sent to Village Administrator and addressed his concerns regarding standing water, drainage, and his sump pump continuously running. Mr. Donder requested that the Village take immediate action on the matter.

Mr. Ryan Murphy, 9120 Wildflower Ct., relayed his concerns regarding high waters in the culverts. He presented his estimated calculation of gallons he believes have been pumped from houses in the area. He listed potential causes of the issue such as recent construction of a new home on Grange Ave in the village of Greendale, recent construction and grading on a to a property located on 92nd St. to the north and adjacent to the homes on the north side of Wildflower Ct, and potentially a broken water main in the area. Murphy stated that until a cause can be identified it is difficult to determine an effective solution.

Mr. Mark Valaitis, 9160 Wildflower Ct., stated to the PWC his problems with water at his home. He contended that something has changed in the last year and a half causing current excessive conditions.

Director Martin commented that the PWC is cognizant of the resident's frustrations. Martin provided an overview of the history of the subdivision and answered related questions. M. Martin reports NOAA has recorded, as of June 12th, we have received 7.14 inches above average accumulated rain amounts. M. Martin contacted Milwaukee Water Works (MWW) requesting an inspection of nearby water main. MWW reported that their nearest facility is about 600 feet away from the subdivision and is a 12" diam. pipe with an average pressure of 75 psi. During their inspection of their system, MWW did not detect any leaks. M. Martin then addressed the possibility of it being related to the construction on Highway 100. Martin stated that some blasting was required for the

installation of storm sewer near the intersection of HWY 100 and College Avenue and that work is about 1.2 miles away from Wildflower Ct. Another possibility explored by Martin was the recent fiber optic installation in the neighborhood and could this work have damaged drain tile systems installed years ago. Martin commented that there are no records available since this would have been installed prior to the incorporation of Hales Corners. Martin also theorized that since everyone is aware of or has experienced dealing with the shallow depth to bedrock in this neighborhood that drain tile installation would have been cost prohibitive. Director Martin also addressed the new home construction in Greendale and gave support for why that would probably not have caused the issue.

The residents and the PWC discussed further other possible causes, potential solutions, and funding opportunities. Commissioner Mesec questioned whether the solution would be special assessed to the property owners. M. Martin stated it's a possibility but not up to this Commission. Administrator Kulik approached the PWC and suggested that M. Martin contact Graef and request a quote for the completion of a feasibility study with alternatives and construction estimates. M. Martin stated he will call Graef and request a proposal and bring it to the commission in July.

5.0 NEXT MEETING- Thursday July 18, 2019, 6:30 p.m., at the Village Hall.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT- Motion (J. Mesec, R. Murphy) to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 pm.; unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Pocquette, Administration Clerk

To the members of the Committee:

My wife and I have lived at 9100 Wildflower Court since 1991.

Never have we had standing water issues like the ones we've been enduring this spring. And, we use the word "endure" by choice, because what was a curiosity as winter eventually faded is now an unsightly, pungent health risk that needs immediate abatement as well as a long-term fix. Though the standing water receded a bit in my backyard, our culverts along the court remain moats, filled with standing, putrid water.

My first call to the head of public works was met with a friendly assurance that many in Hales Corners were experiencing the same thing, that pumps at the village hall, like mine, were running virtually non-stop and that I should be patient. I would call again a few weeks later, stressing that this was no ordinary spring thaw during which a little backyard ponding could be expected. Water nearly a foot deep stretched across my backyard to the corner of my lot where a willow tree stands in a giant puddle. To his credit, the DPW head would later tell me that he walked the neighborhood after my second call, admitting that what was happening was, indeed, not usual, and that there appears to be a drainage issue, one he told me couldn't be worked on until things dried out. How do we do that, I asked, and I was told he could do nothing: pumping wasn't an option. So, I asked, we're stuck like this until then? Yes, he told me, saying that he was throwing his hands up in terms of coming up with a fix, one he told me would also require acquisition of rights of way and other legal access if, as he thought, this would be a problem involving not just Hales Corners but also neighboring Greendale.

And that is where we are today. Standing water keeps us from taking care of our lawns. Some of the greenery we planted on our lot is dead or dying because it sits in what now looks to be a floodplain. There are concerns about damage to existing mature trees that've been stuck in standing water for months—will they soon die or perhaps even topple over because their roots are weakened? We worry about the health risk—still waters like these are breeding grounds for mosquitos. I'm guessing we're in for an infestation. My backyard neighbors are also concerned, the ones on the other side of the Greendale line. They have small kids, and kids are drawn to water. Need we say more? While not as bad as it once was, we still live with the chance of more flooding as summer thunderstorms and deluges approach.

This is more than just the remnant of a quick snow-melt and a rainy spring. This isn't your typical neighbor-to-neighbor dispute about sump discharge hoses. This is about being stuck living next to an unwanted detention pond, one that leaves our homes exposed to damage not of our making, one that greatly diminishes our quality of life and property value—what if one of us wanted to sell right now? It's not too much to ask that the village have a role in fixing a problem not of our neighborhoods making. We thank the committee for hearing us out and hope that you'll grasp the urgency of our situation, the severity of the threat to our homes/properties. What we have isn't a "me" problem, one of my own creation or This is a "we" problem where village taxpayers need a collective solution to an issue we didn't create.

Thanks for your time and consideration. We look forward to working with the village toward a lasting fix.

Gene and LuAnn Mueller 9100 Wildflower Court

Members of the Public Works Commission:

My wife, Melissa Jane, and I live at 9111 Wildflower Court. We purchased our home in the spring of 2013, from Bob and Bonnie, the original owners of our home.

During the purchasing process, our home inspector noted a dry sump pump well, and a dry basin as part of the ejector pump system. We had the opportunity to talk to Mr. Schiek regarding both systems. He reported that the ejector pump almost never ran as there is only a utility sink in the basement. He further reported that the sump pump rarely ran since they built the house. In particular, he reported that if it ran, it was during springs that had fast snow melts and heavy rains.

During the years of 2013-16 the sump pump ran as would be expected (based on information from Mr. Schiek) during heavy spring rains. During the spring of 2017, the sump pump ran more often, but without any concern on our part. During early spring of 2018, the sump pump ran a lot, and one evening it could not keep up, and we had about an inch of water in our basement. Consequently, we had a plumber inspect the well, and replaced the pump with a higher horsepower motor. We also purchased a secondary pump, to be on the safe side and used it twice during the spring of 2018. This spring, the sump pump from early spring to about two weeks ago, ran continuously. Luckily, the new pump could keep up with the water intake.

We are not only concerned about the amount of water we are pumping, but also the water standing between our property and the property behind us. We entertain a lot on our deck and patio. We already hired Nature Scape to spray for mosquito control. We noticed several of our trees and shrubs developing signs of root rot. Consequently, Nature Scape has been hired to do an inspection and treatment of our trees and shrubs.

Most importantly, as good citizens and neighbors, we would be negligent not to comment about the stagnant and still water in the culverts along Wildflower Court and in several of our neighbors yards. Many homes continue to continuously pump water into the culverts. In one back yard, the water is inches deep and yards wide. We all know that water attracts children, making this a dangerous situation. We also know that stagnant water is an incubator for mosquitos, bacteria, and diseases, making this a health hazard. Therefore, our concern is not only for our properties, but for the safety and health of Hales Corners and Greendale residents and guests.

We are asking the Village to take an immediate and active role in fixing this problem. This is what we expect from our Village.

We look forward to working with the village toward an immediate, and lasting solution to this community problem. Thank you for reading this email, and for taking us seriously when we meet with you this Thursday.

Respectfully,
Daniel J. Donder, Jr. and Melissa Jane Donder

From: [Sandra Kulik](#)
To: [JuDee Fischer](#); [Michael Martin](#); [Daniel Besson](#)
Cc: [Mike Fischer](#)
Subject: RE: Wildflower Ct water issues
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2019 12:05:52 PM

Acknowledge receipt.

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From: JuDee Fischer [mailto:fofastoj@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 12:04 PM
To: Michael Martin; Daniel Besson; Sandra Kulik
Cc: Mike Fischer
Subject: Wildflower Ct water issues

Dear Mr. Martin, Ms. Kulik and Mr.
Besson,

13June2019

We are the homeowners of 9110 Wildflower Ct. We know that you are aware of the water issues that are currently impacting Wildflower Ct. We'd like to add our experience of the problem to the discussion.

- Our sump pump has been discharging continuously (every 10 to 30 seconds) into our back yard since mid-March (14 or 15 weeks). It continues at this rate as of this writing.
- There has been standing water in our street-side ditch since early April (10 or 11 weeks). For days at a time, it has been over the culvert pipe, and deep enough to reach within a couple inches of the driveway surface.
- The swale between the Mueller's house (9100) and ours has also had standing/flowing water for a similar amount of time. The front ditch and front half of the swale were in standing water so long that algae began to cover the grass a couple of weeks ago. The ground nearby is so saturated that you begin to sink in if you get within a couple feet of this area.
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This is our third spring in this house, and the previous years were never anything like this. We are concerned about the amount of standing water and the potential it has to be a mosquito (and disease) breeding ground and the impact all this standing

water will have on the trees in the back of our property.

We appreciate that the village board is willing to discuss the drainage issues plaguing Wildflower Ct., and we hope a solution can be found soon.

Kind regards,
Mike and JuDee Fischer

From: [JuDee Fischer](#)
To: [Michael Martin](#)
Cc: [Sandra Kulik](#); [Daniel Besson](#); [Mike Fischer](#)
Subject: Re: Wildflower Ct water issues
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2019 1:06:40 PM

Thank you for the response and letting us know that this will be on the agenda. We look forward to the discussion.
JuDee

On Thu, Jun 13, 2019 at 12:07 PM Michael Martin <mjmartin@halescorners.org> wrote:

This item has been placed on the June 20 Public Works Commission Agenda (PWC) for discussion.

I will be sending out the agenda either today or tomorrow.

I look forward to meeting you and discussing this issue.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Martin, PE, PLS

Director of Public Works

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Precipitation Comparison - Using MITCHELL INTERNATIONAL (Best available data)

	Precipitation (inches)				
Month	Averages	2018	2019	Difference	Notes
March	2.59	0.66	1.64	0.98	
April	3.78	3.11	3.77	0.66	
May	3.06	6.49	6.32	-0.17	
June	3.56	4.26	2.28	-1.98	partial 2019 data

Monthly data taken from wunderground.com

Average data taken from rssWeather.com

From: [Ryan Murphy](#)
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Cc: [Daniel Besson](#); [Sandra Kulik](#); [Gene Mueller](#); [LuAnn & Gene Mueller](#); [Mike McLaughlin](#); cbabsqo@wi.rr.com; fofastoj@gmail.com; [Eileen Valaitis](#); [Curt Christie](#); ribarnica@gmail.com; macwillson@wi.rr.com; garyanderson-sr@wi.rr.com; jmar881@hotmail.com; midgew@wi.rr.com
Subject: RE: Wildflower Court Standing Water Issue
Date: Friday, June 21, 2019 9:33:02 AM
Attachments: [9100 Wildflower Court Mueller.docx](#)
[Donder Letter.docx](#)
[Monthly Rain Comparison 18-19.xlsx](#)

Good morning Commissioners –

Thank you again for taking the time last night to listen to the property owners on Wildflower Court. We appreciate Mr. Martin's efforts in putting together detailed information about the area and look forward to exploring potential cost effective solution(s) to this new problem for the 30 year old Wildflower Court neighborhood. We understand and appreciate some desire to see if this year is just an anomaly because no one is able to give any reason for the change, but we hope to keep this issue on the table with the Village and PWC so it does not fall through the cracks (which we wish the water would because then maybe it would drain).

Several property owners submitted letters, including those unable to attend due to other conflicts, to the Village that appear to have not made it into the record. There was some surprise when it was noted that no written submissions were provided. These letters and correspondence were addressed to the Public Works Commission and appear to have not made it to all the Commissioners. The property owners took the time and effort to draft and submit letters to you as commissioners and create a sound record and administration for future. It is obvious that when the Village approved the development in this area, recording keeping and attention to detail was not important. This was even pointed out by Mr. Martin. We hope not to recreate that past mistake. At the next PWC meeting the resident of Wildflower Court will request to have the record reflect that these emails and letters were timely submitted to the Village prior to PWC meeting on June 20, 2019.

Attached are two of the letters and the correspondence submitted by me originally starting on June 3, 2019. In addition, the original email correspondence can be traced on this email string. There are one or two other letters or emails submitted by property owners in the neighborhood to the Village. We respectfully request that those letters be provided to all the Commissioners and be included in the official record to properly and accurately document this issue.

Lastly, this morning I drove various areas pointed out by Mr. Martin that have water in the ditches around the community. Although there is some standing water in some very poorly graded ditches and even water by-passing major storm water system intakes, the situation at Wildflower Court is not simply some standing puddles of water in various sections. The approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of the ditch in front of my property 12-inches to 24-inches has been filled since April. Also, based upon rough and conservative estimates, the area in question between Lots 4 -5 (Fischers's and Muellers) is retaining approximately 55,000 gallons of water. Although the Village does not believe finding the source is possible or necessary, this major change in the area was not created or caused by the residents. It is important to note that this new standing water problem, although terminates on private property,

the drainage issue and ground water issues do not start with or were caused by the property owners on Wildflower Court.

Thank you again for your time and desire to find a cost effective solution for this issue.

Ryan C. Murphy
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On behalf of the residents that live on Wildflower Court.

From: Ryan Murphy
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 2:09 PM
To: Michael Martin <mjmartin@halescorners.org>
Cc: Daniel Besson <dbesson@halescorners.org>; Sandra Kulik <skulik@halescorners.org>
Subject: RE: Wildflower Court Standing Water Issue

Mike –

Another potential cause –

If there is or was drain-tile running through that back area, this last fall and winter, there were multiple crews installing conduit (AT&T – I believe) and runs all over the area. It is possible that these installations also damaged drain-tile.

I have other damage to my property to prove that.

Just trying to figure out what changed over the last year or so.

Ryan

From: Ryan Murphy
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 1:34 PM
To: Michael Martin <mjmartin@halescorners.org>
Cc: Daniel Besson <dbesson@halescorners.org>; Sandra Kulik <skulik@halescorners.org>
Subject: RE: Wildflower Court Standing Water Issue

Mike,

Thank you for your response. Can you give us some locations to view standing water in ditches like our area? I will let the neighbors go take a look. It will be good to show examples of other areas with the same problems we have. Our standing water issue has been on-going for months now. The challenge will be that the surrounding area, including at the end of our cul-de-sac, on the west side of 92nd, along Grange and various other locations (including in the subdivision to the west at the intersection of 92nd) our neighbors have not seen the standing water like in our location.

Thank you for taking the time to evaluate the current situation. Please see the information we have gathered below and attached:

1. Rain events – based upon historical data 2018 v 2019, from March to June there is only a 1.5 inch difference in rain totals.
 - a. This is important because last year, the areas in question did not experience the same water drainage issues.
 - b. I have gathered all the data from weather underground and rssWeather.com. The data was generally using General Mitchell because no other sites have accurate or confirmed data. See the attached summary.
 - c. I have all the data per month if you want to see it.
2. The water ponding issue started in or about the beginning of April.

Several points on the **soils, geomorphology, geology and subdivision design**:

1. One property owner has lived in the property when it was built. I believe the second or third house built in the subdivision.
 - a. Important because this property owner has never witness this level of retention ever.
 - b. Several other long time property owners (almost 30 years) have also never witnessed this condition for this amount of time.
2. These area characteristics (soils, geomorphology, geology and subd design) have the following challenges to overcome:
 - a. These have not changed since the original design and construction of the subdivision.
 - b. It will be difficult to convince the property owners that these characteristics (created when the glaciers moved through) are just now causing drainage issues.
 - c. Although important to potentially explain conditions about drainage and retention, this issue is new and these conditions are not new.

Solutions are important, but what is actually causing this new drainage condition.

The property owner's believe that there is some other potential cause.

- a. The new property built on 9015 W. Grange has now stopped the surface and subsurface drainage from the northeast corner of the subdivision. Now the soils are saturate and unable to drain. Basically, when this house was approved, the drainage issue was not fully examined.
- b. This does not appear to be a "surface" water drainage issue.
- c. Could there be a potential leak of an existing watermain?
 - i. Have near mains been checked for leaks? With the very cold and harsh winter, it is possible that a main has cracked or is leaking. If the water is running along the surface of the bedrock (which in most areas in the neighborhood is shallow) could contribute to the pumping conditions being experienced by 90% of the properties.
- d. Could the construction activities on 5530 S 92nd have caused damage to existing drain tile and other drainage conditions.
 - ii. That lot excavated a pond (without a permit) – without a permit drain tile and other potential characteristics could have been modified.

- iii. There was excavation throughout the lot during different periods over the last several years. A picture was sent to the village of the owner filling in areas with concrete and other debris.
- iv. The excavation of the “pool” could have damaged drain tile running along that area to help reduce drainage in other areas.
- e. Could any other construction activities have caused this issue? – HWY 100 changes
- f. These have been discussed, regardless of actual potential impact, more in as such to eliminate sources.

We are considering using water tracer dye (\$30 / bottle) to confirm the source of this water. Unless you have an opinion and confirmation of the source of this water, because based upon the following:

- Based upon 6 (maybe 7) houses pumping constantly (I’ve timed sump pump cycles from 10 seconds to 30 seconds) for 3 months. When we say constant pumping, it literally is cycles per minute.
- Using conservative numbers: 5 gallon bucket size sump pit or approximately 5 gallons / minute. Multiply: 5 gallons x 60 minutes = 300 gallons per hour
- 6 houses x 300 gallons / hr. x (March to June hours) 2,929 hours = 5,272,200 gallons of water pumped through system. I believe that most of this water is being cycled between the houses, but still that is a staggering amount of water.
 - Pumping out the detention area is not cost effective and with this amount of potential water is not reasonable.
 - Using the final house on the system as the measuring stick for the amount of water that would mean almost 1,000,000 gallons of water would have to be pumped – not going to happen.
- Find or deviating the source of the water before it enters our chain of houses might help in finding a cost effective or reasonable solution.

Potential options:

1. Drain tile installation running from the current detention field out towards Grange Avenue ditch (so the water can follow the path prior to the 9015 Grange construction).
2. Full depth storm sewer does not seem like a good option due to bed-rock only one or two feet below the topsoil.
3. Finding the location of the source of the water and looking to see if diverting upstream would be more cost effective (using dye to better eliminate sources and confirm how the water is getting into the neighborhood).
4. Consider the southeast corner of the subdivision as location to deviate the current flow (there is no ponding or standing water in that location).

Thank you again for your attention to this major drainage condition.

If you want to meet out at the area before the meeting, please let me know and I will be happy to take time to do that.

On behalf of the Wildflower Court property owners.

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To: Ryan Murphy <rm@edgerton.us>
Cc: Daniel Besson <dbesson@halescorners.org>; Sandra Kulik <skulik@halescorners.org>
Subject: RE: Wildflower Court Standing Water Issue

Ryan,

Photos and other anecdotal information is fine, but in all honesty we have all seen water standing in a ditch in Hales Corners...Its everywhere.

My part of the presentation will discuss recent rains, local soils, geomorphology, geology, subdivision design, and attempt to offer a solution: the cost of which will unfortunately raise a few eyebrows.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Martin, PE, PLS
Director of Public Works

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From: Ryan Murphy [<mailto:rm@edgerton.us>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 5:14 PM
To: Michael Martin
Subject: FW: Wildflower Court Standing Water Issue

Hi Mike –

We met a couple times, but I have been asked to help with the Wildflower Court issue. I know you

have been to the area a couple of times and we have been communicating with some of the neighbors.

Is there anything that the neighbors can bring to the June 20th meeting?

Ryan

This is a better question for Mike. I don't know. Photo's I guess is about all that you have that we may not in our files here.

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From: Ryan Murphy [<mailto:rm@edgerton.us>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 4:57 PM
To: Sandra Kulik
Subject: RE: Wildflower Court Standing Water Issue

Is there anything we can bring or have prepared for the meeting?

The owners would prefer to come to the meeting ready with whatever is needed so we do not have to back and forth and around and around.

From: Sandra Kulik <skulik@halescorners.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 3:54 PM
To: Ryan Murphy <rm@edgerton.us>; Daniel Besson <dbesson@halescorners.org>; Michael Martin <mjmartin@halescorners.org>
Cc: Gene Mueller <gmueller8@wi.rr.com>; LuAnn & Gene Mueller <lmueller8@wi.rr.com>; Mike Mclaughlin <9130mike@wi.net>; cbabsgo@wi.rr.com; fofastoj@gmail.com; Eileen Valaitis <evalaitis@aol.com>; ddonder@wi.rr.com; Curt Christie <cchristie@wi.rr.com>; midgew@rr.rr.com; ribarnica@gmail.com; macwillson@wi.rr.com; cbabsgo@wi.rr.com; garyanderson-sr@wi.rr.com; jmar881@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Wildflower Court Standing Water Issue

I have given the info to Mike and it will be on the next PWC meeting.

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Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 3:35 PM
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Subject: RE: Wildflower Court Standing Water Issue

Good afternoon Sandy –

As some “enjoy” the wonderful spring showers, we in Wildflower Court see another several days of higher standing water and drainage issues.

Hopefully since Mike’s return you have had a chance to discuss Wildflower Court’s drainage.

We want to work with the Village, so if there are any questions or anything we can do to move along the process, please let us know. Setting reasonable expectations will go a long way to help the neighborhood understand what next steps are coming or need to be.

Thank you again for your attention to our issue.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Wildflower Court,
Ryan Murphy

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Thank you Sandy.

Let us know what you need.

Ryan

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Ryan et al;

The next PWC is on June 20th. I'll talk with Mike upon his return.

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Sandy,

Thank you for getting back to us so quickly. After a couple discussions and emails; other Wildflower Court (actually all) are concerned and interested in resolving this drainage issue. I have added other neighbors and residents to this email string.

If Mike's return next week would delay our ability to get on the agenda for the next Public Work's Meeting, we would request to be added. If a solution or plan is underway then we can always take the issue off the agenda, but we know proper notice is required to get added. If there is time to add this issue to the agenda after Mike's return, then we can wait. Ultimately, we would prefer not to have to wait through another month if necessary.

We believe that there might be a couple options for a fix; however, there might be a requirement to notify and inform the Village of Greendale as this drainage issue appears to impact both jurisdictions. Neighbors on the Greendale side are also concerned.

Thank you again for your attention to this issue. As always, you can give me a call if that is easier or more efficient.

Ryan

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From: Sandra Kulik <skulik@halescorners.org>
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Subject: RE: Wildflower Court Standing Water Issue

Ryan

Mike is on vacation this week and I would need to confer with him regarding any site visits he may have taken to the area before we comment. We are expecting several more rain days, so says the news channels anyway, and this is not going to be resolved as quickly as anyone would like.

In the event that you would elevate this beyond the staff level, the proper venue to address this complaint would be the Public Works Committee. We will be in touch with your email chain upon further investigation.

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Subject: Wildflower Court Standing Water Issue

Good morning Dan and Sandy,

I hope all is well. This email is being drafted on behalf of several residents on Wildflower Court.

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Other adjacent properties also have water issues; however the addresses listed above have the significant standing water and pumping issues. The standing water has been in the ditch for over a month. Most homes have been running sump pumps constantly since March. There are also properties in Greendale that are experiencing these same water issues.

We understand that there are many important issues for the Village; however, we believe the standing water has created major health and safety concerns for the neighborhood. This is not a lot to lot drainage issue or one between adjoining properties. Mr. Martin has been to the area and talked with one of the neighbors; unfortunately it does not appear he was or is able to help. At this point it is also not a - wait and see situation. The residents have been very patient and actually wanting and hopeful that the water would drain as in years past.

There is standing water over a foot deep (in some areas deeper) that has been present for over a month. We also understand that this has been a wet spring; however residents (even one who has been the only owner over for almost 30 years) has never seen the standing water like this. Ditch systems are not intended to retain water for long periods. We are not talking about a little wet area. There are major portions of property that are impossible to traverse, dangerous for little kids (which there are several in the area), utilities have been delayed for installation, and overall concern for properties to be damaged due to a failing and unmaintained drainage system.

We are asking the Village to correct the Village drainage system problem. Based upon the situation, this issue does not appear to be a one off occurrence. In years past, this was not nearly as big as an issue; however, there has been several new construction projects in the area that likely helped create the issues. In addition, ditches also require some type of maintenance and inspections. As far as we are aware, that has not happened.

We look forward to your help in solving this issue for the neighborhood and the residents of Wildflower Court.

Ryan C. Murphy

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From: [JuDee Fischer](#)
To: [Michael Martin](#); [Daniel Besson](#); [Sandra Kulik](#)
Cc: [Mike Fischer](#)
Subject: Wildflower Ct water issues
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2019 12:04:21 PM

Dear Mr. Martin, Ms. Kulik and Mr.
Besson,

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We are the homeowners of 9110 Wildflower Ct. We know that you are aware of the water issues that are currently impacting Wildflower Ct. We'd like to add our experience of the problem to the discussion.

- Our sump pump has been discharging continuously (every 10 to 30 seconds) into our back yard since mid-March (14 or 15 weeks). It continues at this rate as of this writing.
- There has been standing water in our street-side ditch since early April (10 or 11 weeks). For days at a time, it has been over the culvert pipe, and deep enough to reach within a couple inches of the driveway surface.
- The swale between the Mueller's house (9100) and ours has also had standing/flowing water for a similar amount of time. The front ditch and front half of the swale were in standing water so long that algae began to cover the grass a couple of weeks ago. The ground nearby is so saturated that you begin to sink in if you get within a couple feet of this area.
- The low point in the wooded area of our back yard had standing water over a foot deep for 2 or 3 weeks at the worst point.

This is our third spring in this house, and the previous years were never anything like this. We are concerned about the amount of standing water and the potential it has to be a mosquito (and disease) breeding ground and the impact all this standing water will have on the trees in the back of our property.

We appreciate that the village board is willing to discuss the drainage issues plaguing Wildflower Ct., and we hope a solution can be found soon.

Kind regards,
Mike and JuDee Fischer