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**CONSENT AGENDA
BOARD COMMUNICATIONS
November 16, 2021**

**Additional
Communications**

From: [Keith Latham](#)
To: [Deborah Guthrie](#)
Subject: Daniels drain project assessment
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 10:44:17 AM
Attachments: [Letter to Clerk- Latham - 4382 Hickorywood.pdf](#)
[Latham Property Special Assessment.pdf](#)

Dear Deborah Guthrie

I dropped a letter for you into the township box this morning, and I am attaching that letter here with additional information.

My main concern is why the ECAP % assessment for our property is so much higher than neighbors, and does not follow the linear trend otherwise manifest in the map and property list.

Neighbor to north: ECAP % 0.1353
Neighbor to south ECAP % 0.1135
Our ECAP % 0.1635

This ECAP % difference appears to falsely amplify the other differences in acreage. So it seems that there may be an error onn the ECAP % value that is unfairly increasing our assessment.

\$1384.59 more than the larger property of our neighbors to south, \$780.78 more than neighbor to north and \$1899.88 more than our neighbors to the east whose property dumps its water into our property.

I have discussed the matter with Mr Lindemann, who has given me additional information. His opinion is that assessment shoould only be based on acreage drained and property type (residential) and should not use other factors such as proximity.

I will reach out once again to the dept. of public works.

I request to provide comment at the Nov 16 meeting to make my argument to have this error corrected unless you can resolve this discrepancy in the assessment before hand.

Thank you

Keith Latham
4382 Hickjrywood Drive

To: Deborah Guthrie
Clerk, Meridian Charter Township

November 1, 2021

From: Keith and Lisa Latham
4382 Hickorywood Drive, Okemos MI 48864, parcel 33-02-26-154-007
Re: Objection to aberrantly high assessment Daniels Drainage Project

Dear Ms. Guthrie,

We noticed that there appears to be an error in the assessment for Daniels Drainage project to our property

We are near the southernmost end of the drainage area and so benefitting marginally if at all. Along our street, our assessment appears to be way out of line with other properties, and out of line with that trend.

As you can see our property is being assessed a disproportionate amount that is not in line with parcel size and is out of line with assessments to neighbor properties. If you look at the properties along the street heading north, there is a general upward trend, and yet ours is a clear aberration given its southerly location along the street. Why is our property being subjected to such a disproportionate percentage, that ends up being \$1384.59 more than the larger property of our neighbors to south, \$780.78 more than neighbor to north and \$1899.88 more than the property to the east that is contiguous with our back yard?

We hereby request that this assessment be revisited and that our assessment be brought into line with those of our neighbors. Thank you.

Parcel	Owners	TOTAL ACRES	Benefit Acres	prox ben	Assessment %	\$	
33-02-26-154-006	Thompson	0.31	0.3102	P1	0.1353	3744.5	north neighbor
33-02-26-154-007	Latham	0.382	0.3845	P1	0.1635	4525.3	Our Property
33-02-26-154-008	Beal	0.406	0.2468	P1	0.1135	3140.7	south neighbor
33-02-26-154-011	DeLoy	0.344	0.1945	P1	0.0948	2625.4	east neighbor

Keith E. Latham
Lisa B. Latham

Note the aberrantly high percentage assessment for Latham property in the South-North progression

295	33-02-02-26-129-003	LU, DENGSHENG & LI, GUIYING	0.3500	0.1288	P1	1.00	0.4000	0.05	0.05	0.0712%	\$ 1,970.99
296	33-02-02-26-130-001	LEFFLER, JAMES T &	0.3100	0.2527	P1	1.00	0.3100	0.10	0.10	0.1352%	\$ 3,741.98
297	33-02-02-26-130-002	WALLACE, JACK & JANELLE	0.3470	0.3464	P1	1.00	0.3511	0.12	0.12	0.1681%	\$ 4,653.31
298	33-02-02-26-130-003	DROLET, KAVITA	0.3440	0.3360	P1	1.00	0.3407	0.11	0.11	0.1583%	\$ 4,382.35
299	33-02-02-26-130-004	PRYGOSKI, PHILIP J & MARY H	0.3820	0.1747	P1	1.00	0.3338	0.13	0.13	0.1729%	\$ 4,785.42
300	33-02-02-26-130-005	BURZYCH, MARK J & KIMBERLY	0.3890	0.3022	P1	1.00	0.3261	0.12	0.12	0.1677%	\$ 4,643.17
301	33-02-02-26-130-006	CORNELL WOODS ASSOCIATION	0.0700	0.0219	P1	1.00	0.3321	0.01	0.01	0.0123%	\$ 341.19
302	33-02-02-26-130-007	LOTHAMER, JESSE I & AMY M	0.3100	0.0224	P1	1.00	0.3436	0.01	0.01	0.0106%	\$ 294.80
303	33-02-02-26-131-001	SUN, LIANGLIANG	0.3150	0.0119	P1	1.00	0.3000	0.00	0.00	0.0049%	\$ 136.64
304	33-02-02-26-131-002	LLANO, GONZALO G & CHERYL L	0.3110	0.0042	P1	1.00	0.3000	0.00	0.00	0.0017%	\$ 47.92
305	33-02-02-26-132-001	ZHENG, YONG HUI &	0.3090	0.1708	P1	1.00	0.3010	0.05	0.05	0.0710%	\$ 1,966.47
306	33-02-02-26-132-002	LIU, TAOSHENG & YAN, LILI	0.3560	0.0605	P1	1.00	0.3000	0.02	0.02	0.0251%	\$ 694.93
307	33-02-02-26-153-001	WILLIAMS, JAMES & LYNN	0.5230	0.1907	P1	1.00	0.3000	0.06	0.06	0.0701%	\$ 1,988.88
308	33-02-02-26-154-001	TANAY, DAVID F & STACEY M MITOR	0.3370	0.3380	P2	1.20	0.3601	0.12	0.15	0.2019%	\$ 5,588.78
309	33-02-02-26-154-002	HARRIS, JAYLE & REBECCA	0.2890	0.2897	P2	1.20	0.3334	0.10	0.12	0.1602%	\$ 4,434.57
310	33-02-02-26-154-003	WHITE, JAMES & LYNN TRUSTEES	0.3700	0.2495	P2	1.20	0.4312	0.11	0.13	0.1784%	\$ 4,939.53
311	33-02-02-26-154-004	HEIM, NATALIE & LEE, JEAN	0.3170	0.3172	P1	1.00	0.3316	0.11	0.11	0.1454%	\$ 4,025.36
312	33-02-02-26-154-005	SHI, WENJU & YU, HUI	0.3100	0.3102	P1	1.00	0.3235	0.10	0.10	0.1387%	\$ 3,840.47
313	33-02-02-26-154-006	THOMPSON, EVERETT & MARYAM A	0.3100	0.3102	P1	1.00	0.3155	0.10	0.10	0.1353%	\$ 3,744.48
314	33-02-02-26-154-007	LATHAM, KEITH F & LISA B	0.3820	0.3845	P1	1.00	0.3076	0.12	0.12	0.1635%	\$ 4,525.26
315	33-02-02-26-154-008	BEAL, MELISSA W	0.4060	0.2468	P1	1.00	0.3326	0.08	0.08	0.1135%	\$ 3,140.67
316	33-02-02-26-154-009	KAZMIERSKI, PHILIP F & JO ELLEN M	0.3440	0.1945	P1	1.00	0.3325	0.06	0.06	0.0894%	\$ 2,474.30
317	33-02-02-26-154-010	CLIMES, GARY & THERESA	0.3990	0.1309	P1	1.00	0.3138	0.04	0.04	0.0568%	\$ 1,571.41
318	33-02-02-26-154-011	DELOYE, COREY ALLEN	0.3440	0.2287	P1	1.00	0.3000	0.07	0.07	0.0948%	\$ 2,625.38
319	33-02-02-26-154-012	MUI, RYAN KY &	0.3440	0.2369	P1	1.00	0.3000	0.07	0.07	0.0982%	\$ 2,719.36
320	33-02-02-26-154-013	HARKEMA, JACK R & LAURIE J TRUSTEES	0.3440	0.2444	P1	1.00	0.3000	0.07	0.07	0.1013%	\$ 2,805.59
321	33-02-02-26-154-014	RONEY, MARVIN G & LAUREE L	0.3460	0.2518	P1	1.00	0.3000	0.08	0.08	0.1044%	\$ 2,890.57
322	33-02-02-26-155-001	HARKNESS, CULLEN & DANIELLE	0.4110	0.1337	P1	1.00	0.3750	0.05	0.05	0.0693%	\$ 1,918.82

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North

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 East

0.2019% \$ 5,588.78

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0.1135% \$ 3,140.67

Line denoting drainage area – Assessment does not account for drainage from East neighbors onto our property



Darker shading denotes proximity to drainage project work area (North)

Note aberrantly high assessment our property relative to neighbors in South-North continuum

From: [Cindy Zavadil](#)
To: [Township Board](#)
Subject: Daniels Drain Assessment Objection
Date: Friday, November 12, 2021 9:51:48 PM

Dear Meridian Township Board Members,

My name is Mike Zavadil and my address is 1378 Ivywood Dr., Okemos (Cornell Woods). I am a retired civil engineer with 43 years of road design and construction experience. I am unable to attend the Daniels Drain public hearing on 11/16/21 and am writing to voice my objections and concerns regarding the methodology and factors used to calculate the assessment amounts. The three factors used in the Daniels Drain assessment roll are:

1) Contributing acreage, 2) Run-off coefficient (C), and 3) Benefit Derived Proximity factor (parcel location).

My concerns are as follows:

1) Contributing acreage - I have reviewed data for two of my immediate neighbors who have lot sizes exactly the same as mine. The acreage values in the spreadsheet are all different, when they should be exactly the same. The township engineer agreed with my findings.

2) Run off coefficient (C value) - I have reviewed parcel data of neighbors located near my parcel. Two have significantly larger homes with larger roof areas and driveways as compared to mine, yet they have lower C values. They contribute more drainage to the system, yet have significantly lower assessments than mine.

3) Proximity factor - A P2 proximity factor was used in the assessment calculations for parcels or lots that happen to be located adjacent to sewer and manhole spot fixes in our Cornell Woods subdivision. This P2 value basically increases a person's assessment amount by 20% due to supposed drainage benefits and improvements being derived as viewed by township officials. Work near my home was purely pipe removal and replacement in exact kind and size. This concrete pipe was only 35 years old and should have had a design life easily exceeding 100 years. Issues were most likely attributable to poor construction and inspection practices during initial installation. In another location (Satinwood Dr.), where the spot repair was a manhole replacement, four homeowners adjacent to this area were zapped with a P2 surcharge. Also, at the corner of Ivywood Dr. and Mistywood Dr. the spot repair was a realignment of a small section of sewer to relocate it back to within the existing road right-of-way. All of this work should be viewed as fixes or maintenance activity. No drainage improvement benefits are being derived and the P2 factor should not be applied to parcels in these locations. In fact, after enduring 8 weeks of continuous construction activity (noise, dust, vibrations, mud, equipment and material stockpiles, etc.), I believe a discount should be considered! Again, a 20% P2 surcharge is not fair.

Finally, I am not opposed to the Daniels Drain project overall, but do not believe the assessment amounts being levied are fair and equitable. In the areas I reviewed near my home (via the assessment spreadsheet posted), I found inaccuracies and questionable values/data being used in the assessment roll prepared by Spicer Group for the township. As elected board members, I kindly ask that you re-evaluate the proximity factor methodology and the assessment amounts being charged. I don't believe neighbors located a few houses away from my home should have assessments \$1100 less than mine, when their lot sizes are comparable and their homes (roof and driveway areas) are larger! Where is the equity in this?

Thank you,

Mike Zavadil
mfzeus@sbcglobal.net
or caz711@sbcglobal.net

From: [Helen Huang](#)
To: [Deborah Guthrie](#)
Subject: Daniels Drain special assessment objection letter
Date: Saturday, November 13, 2021 10:40:07 PM
Attachments: [Objection letter for Daniel Drain 2021.pdf](#)

Hi Good evening,

I am writing from New China of MI. Inc., owners of the 4714 Powell Rd property. We are writing to object to the Daniels Drain Special Assessment. Our objection letter is attached here as a pdf. I will not attend the November 16 2021 meeting, Please help me forward it to the board members. Thank you so much

Helen

November 13, 2021

To: Township Board Members

My name is Helen Huang and I am the representative for New China of Michigan LLC, the owner of 4714 Powell Rd (Parcel No. 33-02-02-23-301-001). I am writing with regards to the Daniel's Drain Project, specifically, the estimated special assessment tax of \$6716.60 for the aforementioned property.

Compared to the number of benefit acres attributed to the neighboring property 4724 Powell Rd (Parcel No. 33-02-02-23-302-001), the amount of benefit acres assessed for 4713 Powell Rd seems unnecessarily large. Both properties mentioned are on the edge of the drainage district, and most of the acreage is at the same level - which should not result in heavier use by my parcel.

The property on 4714 Powell Rd just had a special assessment tax of \$18,000 for the Power Rd Paving improvement this past summer (July 2021). After adding on the estimated price for the Daniel's Drain special assessment tax, the total special assessment tax for this year will be around \$25,000. That sum is exorbitant for a small property with a taxable value of only \$59,143 for 2021.

I hope I have made my point clear and something can be done to reduce the burden of the associated assessment tax for Daniel's Drain.

Thank you for your consideration of this objection,

Helen Huang

From: [Lacey Payne](#)
To: [Ronald Styka](#); [Deborah Guthrie](#); [Phil Deschaine](#); [Dan Opsommer](#); sundlan@meridian.mi.us; [Courtney Wisinski](#); [Derek Perry](#); [Frank Walsh](#)
Subject: Letter of Protest against Daniels Drain Assessment
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 7:15:26 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this correspondence is to formally protest the overall assessment for the Daniels Drain Project as well as the specific amount assessed to my parcel. It is not equitable, and is detrimental to my family's well-being specifically for numerous reasons:

- We are too far away from the retention pond and associated new drain, and will not see as much of a benefit as the condo owners in Walden Ponds.
- Our property is adjacent to both the Forest Hills Park and Arrow Tree Apartments, and I am concerned that drainages from these parcels are being unfairly considered when attempting to determine benefits derived
- We were informed at the August 2021 informational meeting that as a part of the enlargement of the existing pond, The Ponds condominium association would receive numerous beautification benefits that are solely for the residents of The Ponds. These benefits include items such as a lighted paved walking trail and a dock with a recreational area at the new, larger pond. I certainly hope that my neighbors enjoy these benefits and I wouldn't begrudge them a single one of them. However, it isn't reasonable that individuals who do not live in The Ponds and therefore are prohibited from accessing them are being extorted to pay for them. Costs for aesthetic and recreational improvements that solely benefit the residents of the ponds and do not pertain to the functionality of the drainage system should be solely assessed to them, since none of the other parcels receive any benefit from them. Forest Hills residents derive no benefits from The Ponds' leisure amenities and should not have to pay to provide them.
- We have never experienced drainage issues before.

I am restating again for the record that I formally and vehemently protest the Daniels Drain Assessment and the amount of \$5,436.01 being assessed to me and my parcel. It is simply too high for the lack of benefit derived. I understand and agree that infrastructure has a limited useful life and must be replaced at some point, but there are more appropriate avenues to address this need. Georgia may have its own issues, but at least municipalities back home properly maintained and repaired their infrastructure proactively without forcing its citizens to individually fund what should properly be the bureaucracy's full responsibility.

Thank you,

Brian Harris and Lacey Payne

From: [Jennifer Keith](#)
To: [Ronald Styka](#); [Deborah Guthrie](#); [Phil Deschaine](#); [Patricia Herring Jackson](#); [Dan Opsommer](#); [Kathy Ann Sundland](#); [Courtney Wisinski](#); [Derek Perry](#); [Frank Walsh](#)
Subject: 11-16 meeting and our formal protest
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 10:17:01 PM

To the Members of the Meridian Township Board:

We reside at 4522 Oakwood Drive, Okemos, in the Forest Hills subdivision. As residents here, we are affected by the special assessment for the Daniels Drain Project. We received the estimate of the amount to be assessed against our property, in the amount of \$1,608.39. We were further informed that the November 16th Township Board meeting would be our one opportunity to file a protest of this process and the subsequent assessment.

With the recent rise in cases of Covid-19 in Michigan, as well as uncertainty of not only how many will attend this meeting, but how many may be unvaccinated, we do not feel we can attend this meeting in person. The October 28th letter we received stated that if not physically attending the meeting, we could voice our protest via written communication. That is the purpose of this email.

Please let this email serve as our official protest to not only the process by which this assessment was reached, but the dollar amount of our assessment itself. We feel that Meridian Township has been negligent by a lack of infrastructure updates for decades, beyond patchwork repairs to a system that was clearly doomed to fail at some point. And so we are left with this massively expensive overhaul, with no guarantee of the dollar amount of our final assessment.

We therefore reserve the right to protest and appeal the results "of the special assessment with the state tax tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll", as stated in the October 28th letter.

Thank you in advance for your recognition of our formal protest of the Daniels Drain Project Assessment.

Sincerely,
Dan and Jennifer Keith
33-02-02-22-478-009
4522 Oakwood Drive
Okemos, MI 48864

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Jennifer I. Keith (retired)

*"Often when you are at the end of something, you're at the beginning of something else." ~
Fred Rogers*

From: [Jessi Wortley Adler](#)
To: [Ronald Styka](#); [Deborah Guthrie](#); [Phil Deschaine](#); [Patricia Herring Jackson](#); [Dan Opsommer](#); [Kathy Ann Sundland](#); [Courtney Wisinski](#); [Derek Perry](#); [Frank Walsh](#); [Tim Schmitt](#)
Subject: Protesting Daniels Drain Assessment
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 9:14:24 PM
Attachments: [Daniels Drain Assessment Objection.docx](#)

Please see below and attached for Tuesday night's Township Board meeting.

To: Meridian Township Board

From: Ari and Jessi Adler, 1580 Hillside Drive, Okemos. Parcel 33-02-02-427-006

Re: Protesting Daniels Drain Assessment

To the Meridian Township Trustees:

For the official record, we, the homeowners at 1580 Hillside Drive (Parcel 33-02-02-427-006) object to the Daniels Drain Special Assessment for our parcel in the estimated amount of \$6,186.70 based on the factors listed below. Through this letter we are reserving our right to file an appeal to the Tax Tribunal and also request that the entire assessment roll and factors be looked at more closely for the sake of the entire neighborhood to ensure equity and legality.

First, the residents of Forest Hills, Cornell Woods and other property owners in the Daniels Drain district NEVER asked for this project and in fact were unaware of it until it began this summer. The request for the project came solely from the Board of Directors of the Ponds Cooperative Homes, Inc. Therefore, the residents of the Forest Hills neighborhood believe the Ponds Cooperative Homes should be the sole responsible party to pay for this project.

Or, it should be Meridian Township's responsibility to pay for the entirety of it. I don't disagree with the need for repair due to the collapsing tile and gunk-filled pond, but this township has made numerous zoning, rezoning, and property development mistakes that run contrary to the master plan. These decisions made by the township have been impacting this drain and surrounding developments for decades. Therefore, it should not be the current homeowners' responsibility to pay for development and infrastructure mistakes made by township officials that have led to the drain's failure.

We also do not agree with the so-called "benefits" the assessment indicates for our property. In fact, this project is more detrimental than beneficial. We have never had any issues with flooding or water on our property and yet are being forced to pay an expense we cannot afford. Our yard is all grass and trees minus a driveway, and water on our yard soaks into the ground and helps replenish the aquifer to our well that we rely on for water.

The project also removed an unnecessary, massive number of trees behind our house that not

only helped with runoff and filtration, but will result in a loss of property/resale value for us because, as the realtors say “location, location, location.” The destruction of the nature and privacy we all enjoyed by having thick woods behind our houses is a significant blow to any future sale of our house.

Also, the construction crew has left huge ruts and holes in our yard from the construction equipment and staff vehicles that are constantly parking on our yard in inclement weather. It is a muddy, muddy mess that we now have to live with every day. In fact, the engineer supervisor has come to apologize to us for the destruction caused by the crew.

As far as the definition of “proximity to tangible improvements,” which per your letter includes pipe, curb, gutter, pavement, driveway approaches, pond restoration, trees and plantings, etc. I present as follows:

- We have no curb or gutter on our street, thus no driveway approach. The only pavement on our property is our driveway.
- The so-called “landscaping improvements” to the pond and planned sidewalks around the pond will be off-limits to the residents of Forest Hills such as myself since that is private property owned by the Ponds Cooperative and there are no trespassing signs everywhere. So, we will get NO benefit from the landscaping improvements.
- Trees and plantings? You cut down at least 600, 50+ year old mature trees and are only replacing them with a handful of small trees. This is NOT an improvement of any kind and does not benefit my property in any way.

Therefore, considering all of the above, the special assessment dollar amount for our property is not reasonably proportionate to the so-called “benefits” and we would like it reconsidered and lowered to reflect reality.

Thank you,
Jessi and Ari Adler

To: Meridian Township Board

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Thank you,
Jessi and Ari Adler

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November 15, 2021

Deborah Guthrie
Township Clerk
Charter Township of Meridian
5151 Marsh Road
Okemos, MI 48864

Hand delivered and emailed to:
guthrie@meridian.mi.us

Re: Appearance and Protest of Special Assessment as to these parcels:

33-02-02-22-445-012 (4530 Dobie Road)
33-02-02-22-455-011 (lot associated w/ 4530 Dobie Rd)
33-02-02-22-455-008 (4510 Dobie Road)
33-02-02-22-455-009 (4504 Dobie Road)
33-02-02-22-455-006 (4544 Dobie Road)
33-02-02-22-455-005 (4554 Dobie Road)
33-02-02-22-455-004 (4562 Dobie Road)

Dear Clerk Guthrie:

Pursuant to the Notice of Hearing dated 10/28/21, each respective owner of each property identified above (the Subject Properties) hereby appear and protest in opposition to the factual and legal basis, and the dollar-amount, of the respective special assessment on each of the Subject Properties.

The primary factual basis of this appearance and protest is that (1) the topography of the Subject Properties and flows do not access the Daniels Drain, and (2) the culvert areas for each of the Subject Properties for years have been filled with soil completely blocking any flowing connection with the stormwater sewer system and the subject Daniels Drain. As a result, pursuant to long-established case law standards: (1) the subject Daniels Drain improvements do not confer any benefit upon the Subject Properties, (2) the amount of the special assessments upon the Subject Properties are therefore not reasonably proportionate to the absence of any derived benefit to the Subject Properties from the improvements. Accordingly, the special assessment as to the Subject Properties should be declared invalid in totality and the Subject Properties should be completely removed from the special assessment because there is a substantial and unreasonable disproportionality between the amount assessed and the lack of any value accrued to the Subject Properties.

Deborah Guthrie, Tsp Clerk

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Given that the Subject Properties derive no benefits from the improvements, and fall outside detailed surveys, engineering drawings, or hydraulic review, it is understandable that oversights occurred relative to the draft assessment of the Subject Properties.

The Subject Properties do not benefit from the Daniels Drain and will not benefit from planned improvements. Please consider the following:

1. The rising elevation heading south on Dobie Road from the Lutheran Church is well known. In addition, an obvious visual ridge runs east-west at the northern edge of the northern most subject parcel. Given this topography, the storm sewer improvement on Dobie Road located north of the Lutheran Church do not benefit the subject parcels.
2. The Subject Properties do not slope downward to the north or east, and thus produce no runoff due to rainfall. Moreover, the land across Dobie Road (for example, the south entrance to the Lutheran Church) slopes downward to the west (toward the Red Cedar River). As such, groundwater or stormwater infiltration pressures are not driving groundwater flows to the Daniels Drain.
3. In the event the township elected to benefit the Subject Properties with a future storm drain, it would need to either run under Dobie Road or head south on Dobie Road. Both options would take stormwater outside of the subject Daniels Drain. The other unlikely alternatives would require pumping stormwater north up the incline of Dobie Road or east up the incline of Forest Hills Drive.

Enclosed are photos depicting the filled and blocked culverts and maps of the subject area. Thank you for your consideration.

The signatories below not attending the Public Hearing on November 16, 2021, hereby accept John Leone as their agent for the purpose of the Public Hearing.

Sincerely,


Bradley T. & Esther C. Shaw 4504 Dobie Road 11/13/21
Dated


Roozbeh Dargazany 4510 Dobie Road 11/14/21
Dated

Deborah Guthrie, Tsp Clerk

November 15, 2021

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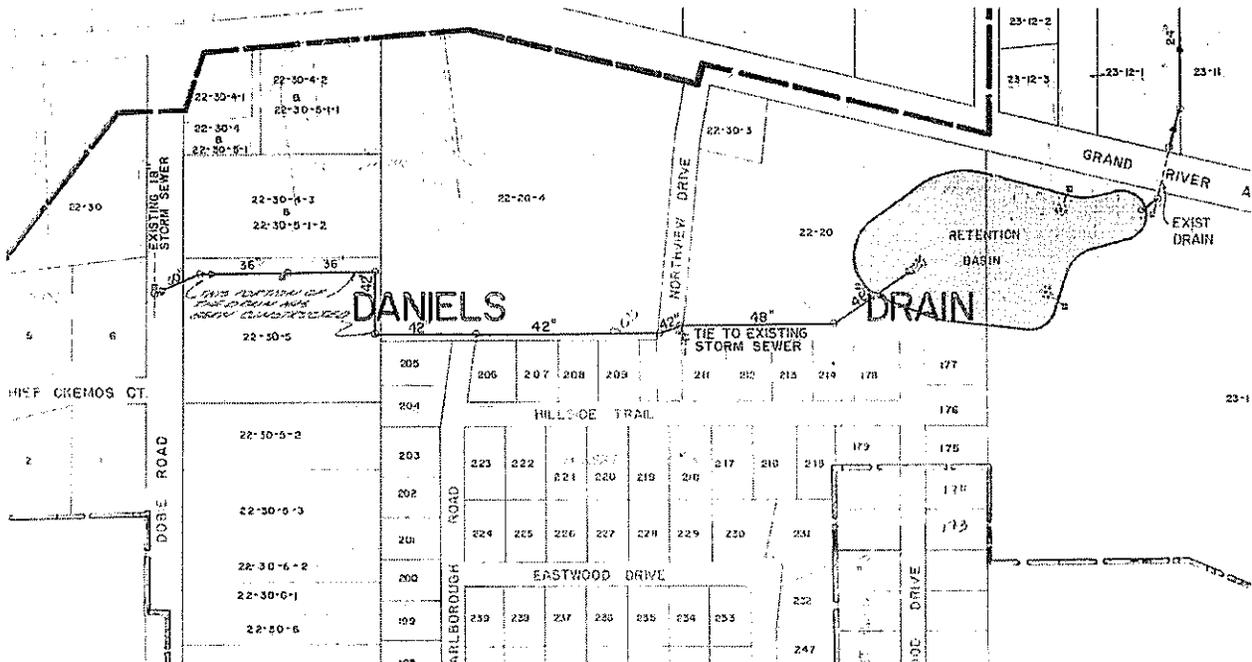
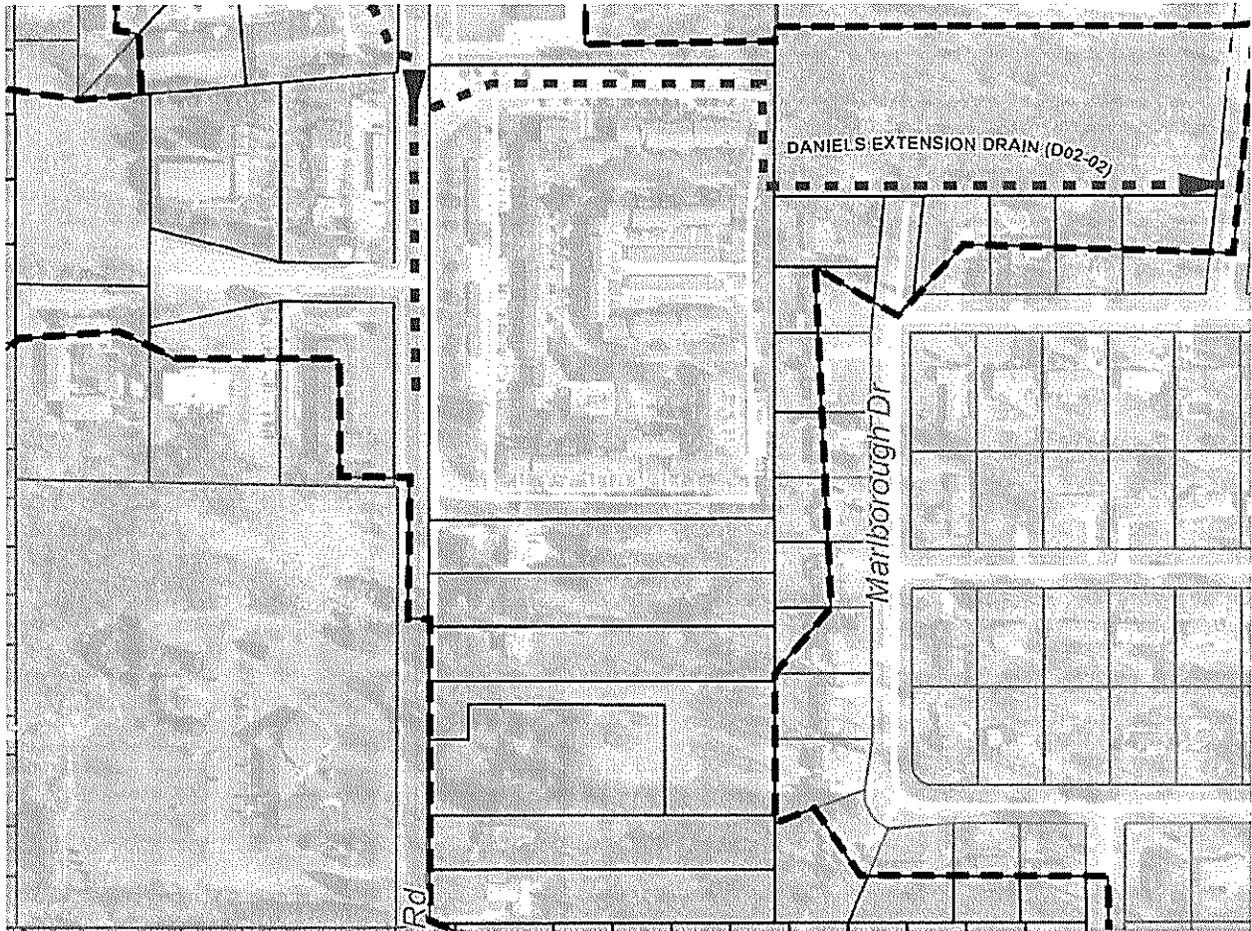
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Kevin T. & Laurel Hilliker
Kevin T. & Laurel Hilliker 4554 Dobie Road 11.13.21
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Patsy J. Fagan
Patsy J. Fagan 4562 Dobie Road 11-13-21
Dated

Enclosures (maps and photos)











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From: [LeoneLawAssociates](#)
To: [Deborah Guthrie](#)
Subject: Daniels Drain Special Assessment - Appearance and Protest - Dobie Road Group
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 2:12:06 PM
Attachments: [2021-11-15 Ltr to Clerk Meridian Tsp Daniels Drain Spec Assessment.PDF](#)

Dear Clerk,

Please file the attached package pursuant to the Notice of Hearing dated 10/28/2021.

- John Leone

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From: [Ludmilla Lepeschkin](#)
To: [Deborah Guthrie](#)
Subject: drain project,daniels
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 9:37:24 PM

I am protesting the over 5000 I am expected to pay, My yard is never flooded and neither is my neighbor down hill from me. I don't see how I am so CLOSE to the condos and causing issues for them. Also I have been left out of all communications on this, there was nothing in the mail even notifying me of this. Its amazing to me we pay high property tax, we pay for use of sewer and water, and now more money because the sewer needs replacing and was not cleaned out properly over the years. .

From: [Meng Zhang](#)
To: [Ronald Styka](#); [Deborah Guthrie](#); [Phil Deschaine](#)
Subject: Objection on my Daniels Drain assessment
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 2:29:51 PM

Hello,

I, Meng Zhang, would like to protest the special assessment assigned to my property: 1407 Forest Hills Dr, for the Daniels Drain Improvement Project.

I never experienced any issues related to flooding, and my property is too far away from the retention pond/new drain and won't see as much of a benefit as the condo owners in Walden Ponds. Therefore I believe the amount assigned to me is too high.

I may not personally attend the hearing tomorrow, so I would like to send this letter and protest in advance. Please let me know if there is anything else I need to do to include my objection to the official packet or hearing notes.

Thank you,
Meng Zhang

From: [Pyle, Ralph](#)
To: [Deborah Guthrie](#)
Subject: Daniels Drain assessment
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 9:47:55 AM

Dear Ms. Guthrie--

I would like to protest the special assessment for the Daniels Drain project. I am not sure why I am being assessed a special tax for something that may not directly affect me. I feel I am too far away from the pond and wont see much benefit from the drain.

Ralph Pyle and Alaknanda Bagchi

33-02-02-27-202-004

1664 Forest Hills Dr

Okemos, MI 48864

From: [SCOTT WAGER](#)
To: [Ronald Styka](#); [Deborah Guthrie](#); [Patricia Herring Jackson](#); [Dan Opsommer](#); [Kathy Ann Sundland](#); [Courtney Wisinski](#); [Derek Perry](#); [Frank Walsh](#)
Subject: Daniel Drain Project
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 1:06:11 PM

All:

I have read through the letter I received regarding the Daniel Drain project and the assessment. It is not clear how the assessments were calculated, I am protesting the estimated assessment amount for my property.

Scott Wager
1426 Birchwood Dr
Okemos, MI 48864

From: [Susan Steffel](mailto:Susan.Steffel@meridian.mi.us)
To: [Ronald Styka](mailto:Ronald.Styka@meridian.mi.us); [Deborah Guthrie](mailto:Deborah.Guthrie@meridian.mi.us); [Phil Deschaine](mailto:Phil.Deschaine@meridian.mi.us); [Darla Jackson](mailto:Darla.Jackson@meridian.mi.us); [Dan Opsommer](mailto:Dan.Opsommer@meridian.mi.us); [Kathy Ann Sundland](mailto:KathyAnn.Sundland@meridian.mi.us); [Courtney Wisinski](mailto:Courtney.Wisinski@meridian.mi.us); [Derek Perry](mailto:Derek.Perry@meridian.mi.us); [Frank Walsh](mailto:Frank.Walsh@meridian.mi.us)
Cc: [Susan Steffel](mailto:Susan.Steffel@meridian.mi.us)
Subject: Daniels Drain Objections
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 3:39:30 PM

To: Ron Styka, styka@meridian.mi.us
Deborah Guthrie, guthrie@meridian.mi.us
Phil Deschaine, deschaine@meridian.mi.us
Patricia Jackson, jackson@meridian.mi.us
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Frank Walsh, walsh@meridian.mi.us

From: Susan and Andrew Steffel
4521 Oakwood Drive, Okemos

Re: Daniels Drain Special Assessment: Letter of Protest

November 15, 2021

Dear Members of the Board,

We wish to register objections on the following items related to the proposed Daniels Drain project:

1. Object to the Process

From an historical perspective, the township has been remiss in keeping up with the developmental load on the existing drains. Numerous developments have been added, both residential and commercial over the 40 years we have lived in this location. Recognizing the need to address the drainage problems now, why is it that those of us in the northern Forest Hills subdivision are now being held responsible for the cost of improvement, and have the newer developments been charged nothing up to now?

More irritating is the requirement to either appear or submit a written “pre-protest” letter in order to be able to later protest the final assessment.

2. Object to the Amount of Assessment

The estimated amount of assessment for our property varies from source to source. The Assessment Roll shows one amount. The letter from the Township Public Works (Derek Perry) lists another, and then the second attached letter from Public Works (Deb Guthrie) lists the initial amount, but at the bottom of said letter yet a different amount is handwritten in.

For whatever reason, immediate neighbors with the same acreage and treed lots are coded differently, and I have been unable to decode the designations.

Finally, we **Reserve our right to protest in the future.**

Sincerely,

Susan and Andrew Steffel

cc.

November 15, 2021

Ron Styka, Township Supervisor
And Meridian Township Board
5151 Marsh Road
Okemos, MI 48864

Re: D-06, Daniels Drain District Project Apportionment

Dear Supervisor and Board:

At this time, I would like to reserve my right to appeal the Daniels Drain Special Project Assessment for my property before the Township and State Tax Tribunal, and further, to reserve the right to extend and amend my remarks.

I appreciate the fact that this project has been undertaken, though it has required years of design and development. The need to move this drain from its humble farm drain origins to make it sufficient to handle the storm run-off for the increasingly urban topography is so apparent when dwellings have been flooded. The fact that the township has taken up 50% of the drain assessment, is tacit recognition of the part several past Township's Planning Commissions and Township Boards have played to allow the wetlands to be filled in and built upon in the interests of expanding the Township tax base. The chickens have come home to roost.

The overall changes to recontour ditches along local streets and relay drain tile in 60+ year old subdivision streets that have broken and collapsed is somewhat understandable as the tile and structures have reached a level of maturity/usefulness. What is truly disappointing is the amount of work that needs to be done on streets that are only half that age. Developers allowed to skimp and cut corners during design and construction started the ball rolling downhill to where the township and residents must foot the bill.

The drain redesign with its innovative forebay system will add an extra measure of water cleansing and lower the cost and amount of future maintenance necessary in the system. As the frequency and amount of rainfall events increases as a result of climate change, the wisdom of this design will bear out with the ease of maintenance in the future.

A couple of points on the assessments: First, a thank you to the Township for having the Park Department budget take a second and third bite out of the assessment pie after agreeing that the General Fund would take a major 50% assessment slice. It is the reality that there are many homeowners on retirement incomes owning large parcels within close proximity of the repairs who will have problems handling the additional assessment.

Second, in general, property taxes for the public schools are governed by Act 451, unless the Township has an agreement with the School District. I note that OPS has not been charged or paid property taxes heretofore. Are sidewalk/streetlighting assessments treated differently? I assume there will be someone from the Okemos Public Schools who will speak to this during the hearing.

Third, Were I one of the two owners of 1455 and 1473 Ivywood Drive, I would be making an argument that these parcels deserve serious consideration in the levying of assessments as they are doing the work of the Drain. There is a wetland straddling the parcels, to which the surrounding parcels drain. This was a vernal wetland before Cornell Woods North was developed, it is now wet all year. The outflow of this parcel is established with a structure so it will not flood their homes during heavy water seasons, nonetheless, the wetland provides a cleansing and infiltration service to the Daniels Drain that should be recognized.

Fourth, there is the Beaderstadt homestead on Oakwood. Neighbors have expressed surprise about the markedly lower assessment for that particular parcel when reviewing the entire block's assessments. However, they should know that the backyard of the parcel abuts the woodlands and extends the woodland setting through the backyard with many native plants, mature trees, leaf mulch and minimal lawn. All of which add to the opportunity to cleanse the stormwater as it makes its way both overland and through seepage downhill to the pond.

I hope that this will express my interest and approval of the project, secure my rights of appeal, and at the same time request that the Township Staff review the engineer's assessment roll with a critical eye.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Cecelia Kramer
4560 Oakwood
Okemos, MI 48864

From: [BJ Markham](#)
To: [Township Board](#)
Subject: Daniels Drain assessment for 4424 Satinwood Drive
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 5:18:11 PM
Attachments: [Markhams - Daniels drain assessment - submitted.pdf](#)
[Silkwood Drive in the block east of repaving.pdf](#)

Attached is the letter we will be submitting this evening relative to the Daniels drain assessment for our property as well as photographs of the Silkwood in front of our house showing that it was not paved as part of the drain work on Silkwood drive.

Brian and Janet Markham
4424 Satinwood Drive
Okemos, MI 48864
November 16, 2021

Department of Public Works
Meridian Township
5151 Marsh Road
Okemos, MI 48864

Dear Sirs:

This letter is in reference to the proposed special assessment on our property for the Daniels Drain Public Drain Improvements. We question the assessment on our property as one of the highest in the neighborhood when our parcel is similar in size and use to others. And, other than a point at the intersection of Silkwood and Satinwood Drives, repaving/road improvements do not abut our property. We would like a review of our assessment and feel that the higher assessment may be in error.

The Cornell woods neighborhood is generally composed of similar sized homes on similar sized lots, so we would expect the assessments to be similar. But our assessment is almost \$2000 over nearby properties over the 20 years. We understand that the assessment is based on various codes.

Specifically, we have looked at the spreadsheet titled 'Daniels Drain Meridian Township Assessment Options'. The codes for assessment factors indicated are parcel size (benefit acres?), land use (EC?) and a proximity factor to new infrastructure and tangible improvements (P code or P?). No documentation is provided on how these factors were determined relative to our property, so it is difficult for us to assess their accuracy. Our house has one of the highest EC values, as well as the P2 coding. We request an explanation of these codes and why our house is higher than the surrounding ones.

Relative to land use (EC), our property contains similar grass and trees, sidewalks and driveways, as other properties. Our roof size is comparable to others, and it is a fact that our sump pump never runs or dumps into the public drain. We question a significant difference from other neighboring properties.

We also question the assessment of our property as the higher proximity code, P2. With no written explanation of what P2 assesses, we surmise that the P2 is related to the proximity to the locations of the drain repair (as it appears to be), and that a higher value is due to other improvements such

Department of Public Works
Meridian Township
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as repaving of the road over the repaired drain. The drain repair plan (slide 12 of the August 26 public presentation) shows the drain repair and presumably the repaving extending in front of our house on Silkwood. This repaving did not occur as shown in the plan. So, if this P2 assessment was because we were expected to get freshly paved road in front our house, this did not happen. We don't believe the higher assessment is warranted. If anything, all the heavy equipment traffic on the un-repaved Silkwood and Satinwood Drives that edge our corner property, the storage of pipe and supplies (and a port-a-potty) on our property itself (with no prior notice, mind you), and parking heavy equipment along Silkwood next to our driveway, degraded the value of our property as opposed to enhancing it. As a result of the project, there are new oil stains on the both roads, as well as dings in the asphalt surface and equipment scrapes on the concrete curb on Silkwood.

A note about poor communication... As previously brought to the attention of Kyle Smith, as new homeowners in April of this year, this assessment came as a surprise to us, via a neighbor late in the summer, due to the fault of the Drain Commissioner's office in sending mailed notices -by name- to the previous owner throughout the spring and summer (which were therefore forwarded by USPS to him in Tennessee). We were not aware (until after the fact) of various public meetings until now, having received our first official mailed notice about the project on October 28, 2021. In addition, there had been no mention of an upcoming assessment at our settlement in April, 2021, despite this being a project that apparently has been discussed by the Township for 5 years. Because of this communication failure, we have not had an opportunity to attend a public meeting to voice our concerns. We appreciate finally the opportunity to hear more and provide our input and present our complaint to Township.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact us to let us know about your review of our assessment.

Sincerely,

Brian and Janet Markham

Silkwood Drive in the block east of repaving.... Just off 4424 Satinwood Drive driveway



From: [Kim Dalimonte](#)
To: [Ronald Styka](#); [Deborah Guthrie](#); [Phil Deschaine](#); [Patricia Herring Jackson](#); [Dan Opsommer](#); [Kathy Ann Sundland](#); [Courtney Wisinski](#); [Derek Perry](#); [Frank Walsh](#)
Subject: Daniels Drain assessment
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 5:11:58 PM

I am writing this letter in protest to the proposed assessment for the Daniels Drain project. I feel the estimated amounts are too high and place a financial burden on the homeowners, particularly in light of the statement "the full cost of the project may be assessed to the benefiting property owners". That is quite worrisome.

I respectfully request the township consider increasing the % funded to alleviate this financial burden.

I understand there is a Township Board meeting tonight but unfortunately I am unable to attend.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kim Dalimonte
4374 Arbor Dr
Okemos

From: [mary.clausen](#)
To: [Deborah Guthrie](#)
Subject: Daniels Drain project
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 4:02:30 PM

To Deborah Guthrie, Meridian Township Clerk:

I would like to propose that Meridian Township cover more of the cost of the Daniels Drain project than the 50% that they have agreed to. The project benefits more of Meridian Township than just Forest Hills and contiguous areas. Part of my property may drain into the Daniels drain but I have not had any problem in the past due to flooding or the non-performance of the drain.

Please enter this objection in your records. Thank you.

Mary Clausen
4522 Eastwood Drive

Roger A and Barbara M Folland
4445 Satinwood Drive
Okemos, MI 48864
(517) 349-8483

November 16, 2021
By email and hard copy delivery

Township Board and Tax Tribunal
Meridian Charter Township
5151 Marsh Road
Okemos, MI 48864
(517) 853-4440
perry@meridian.mi.us

Good morning,

We are Roger and Barbara Folland, owners of 4445 Satinwood Drive, Okemos, number 253 on the Daniels Drain roll. Our lot is one of four in middle of the north block of Satinwood Drive, fronting a segment where a manhole was replaced.

We would like to have attended this evening's public meeting, but our personal health conditions make it inadvisable for us to join a mass gathering during the current severe COVID-19 case spike in our local area. We encourage everyone in attendance to stay well masked and to take every precaution to prevent airborne spread. We hope that all will be fully respectful of others' vulnerability in the room and will always keep their masks entirely over their noses and mouths. In these circumstances, it will be reasonable for the tax tribunal to accept written objections as well as protests by appearance.

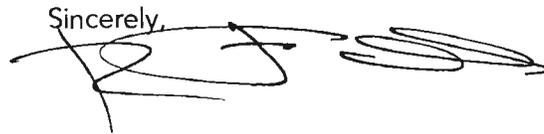
We support the Daniels project and we look forward to our neighbors being free from flooding and to the improved performance and aesthetics of Walden Pond. There are valuable surface water quality and wildlife habitat benefits to anticipate too.

However, we see that parcels along the north block of Satinwood Drive are differently assessed based on "proximity to new infrastructure and tangible improvements" – their P codes. Differences appear to have to do with the manhole location. It seems to us that all Satinwood lot owners benefit equally from the repair and cleaning of the storm sewer beneath this street; no parcel is served more or less than any other by a sound, clear-running line under the entire block. Proximity to the subground pipe is all that matters, not nearness to a manhole; parcels in the center of the block that happen to be adjacent to the manhole

should not be assessed on a higher basis than others along this street. Therefore, we suggest that all addresses from 4427 to 4463 Satinwood Drive should have a P1 rating.

Secondly, we were able to observe the work on the Satinwood manhole and saw that crews encountered unexpected existing installation faults; deterioration and infiltration had resultedⁱⁱ. The Satinwood segment should not have needed repairs at only about 35 years age; concrete stormwater pipes should be expected to serve one-and-one-half to three times that long and it is rare for any buried concrete pipe to ever need repair, according to the American Concrete Pipe Associationⁱⁱⁱ. If the problem was substandard materials, or improper alignment or slope or any other construction error, or if periodic maintenance was neglected, then there ought to be cost sharing beyond the Township and the parcel owners, possibly extending to the original contractors, engineers, suppliers, and land developers, wherever analysis points to responsibility. We nearby homeowners did not break the pipe and we have a right to expect normal infrastructure service life.

Thank you for considering our request and comments.

Sincerely,


Rod and Barb Folland

ⁱ <https://www.bridgemi.com/michigan-coronavirus-dashboard-vaccines-cases-deaths-and-maps>

ⁱⁱ A worker told us the original pipes cracked because they were misaligned and water had flowed out of the crushed concrete. We do not have an engineering background, so this is our lay impression based on what we saw: the pipes provided for replacement appeared not to have fit and it looked like they had to be lifted back out and modified in the field with a concrete saw; the crew appeared to also have had to rectify the previous grade and the existing soil base. We believe they took the kind of time and care that should have been taken 35 years ago. There was about a two-day delay as a result of the unexpected conditions.

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.concretepipe.org/wp-content/uploads/CPInfoDurability072116.pdf>

From: [Shelley Cichy](#)
To: [Deborah Guthrie](#)
Subject: Fwd: Daniels Drain Project objections/questions
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:19:50 PM

Thank you for calling me with your email address. Ignore my PS at the end — we didn't realize the meeting would be on HOM TV!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Shelley Cichy <>
Date: November 15, 2021 at 7:57:24 PM EST
To: perry@meridian.mi.us, dpw@meridian.mi.us
Subject: Daniels Drain Project objections/questions

First, I would like to thank Chief Engineer Younes Ishraidi, who responded very quickly to several questions I raised in an email about the Daniels Drain Project and how it relates to the Cornell Woods Subdivision. He clarified a few points, and my neighbors have also been sources of information, which brings up one issue I would raise at the outset of my objections (or at least my urging for the township to please go back to the drawing board in making assessments in our neighborhood): the township needs to do a better job of communicating with homes and properties affected by the work being done.

Second, I know that a request from the Paddock Farms Condos back in 2016 initiated this project. They apparently were having damage to their property. The drain commissioner then investigated other "problems to the storm infrastructure within the same service area." Hence, the current, huge project. I still don't know what problems were discovered in our neighborhood, but more importantly, WHY those problems occurred in Cornell Woods, a young subdivision, whose pipes, according to our neighbor who is a retired civil engineer, said should have been good for 100 years. Not 30. So again, why did the drains have to be replaced in the first place? The related question would be, "How would homeowners even KNOW if there was a drain problem?" Indeed, we have never experienced ANY water damage. I would like to know exactly what the problem was in our neighborhood, how it manifested itself, and whether the problem occurred because of improperly laid pipes when the neighborhood was first established.

Third question or point relates to the three criteria which determine each home's assessment. The first, parcel size, is somewhat understandable. But one of my neighbors has discovered there have been mistakes made in the parcel size measurements, so that needs to be addressed.

But let's talk about the second. We were simply told that the second criterion was "land use type." I asked what that meant when I emailed Chief Engineer Ishraidi, because it seemed to me all of us in Cornell Woods were essentially "using the land" in the same way: most of us have driveways, homes of about the same size, and wood decks.

Mr./Ms. Ishraidi responded by explaining a run-off co-efficient, a "number that takes in consideration the variation in pervious and impervious surface area of each parcel. So the higher the C factor, the higher run-off is generated and thus the parcel will have a higher assessment if all other factors were equal." My remaining question, therefore, is why have homeowners not seen our "C factors?" And how in the world could they be very different from each other, since we all have homes, driveways, decks? I guess that some might have slightly larger driveways? Concrete patios? But by that logic, wouldn't people who have planted loads of trees on their property have a lower C factor? I feel like we all need a much more detailed explanation of how this number is calculated, and we need to see the numbers themselves before we can agree to these assessments.

My fourth issue is the third criterion used in determining the assessments: proximity to new infrastructure. As I understand it, a 20% "surcharge" was leveled for homes adjacent to the work that was done. First, I sort of feel like those neighbors actually deserve a reduction, for all they lived through for 8 weeks. Why should they be penalized for having the bad luck to live near pipes that we ALL presumably will benefit from? Second, if the logic was that these homes benefit more than others by a newly-paved street, well, those streets were just fine before all the work began.

Clearly, questions still need to be answered. I object strongly to the initial assessments based on the questions I have outlined above. I want to be clear that I am objecting on principle, not to my specific home's assessment. We need more and better information and a lot more communication.

Thank you.

Shelley Cichy

1325 Ivywood Dr.

PS I sincerely hope that for the meeting tomorrow evening, masks will be required, in the absence of a Zoom option.

From: [Steve Chase](#)
To: [Ronald Styka](#); [Deborah Guthrie](#); [Phil Deschaine](#); [Patricia Herring Jackson](#); [Dan Opsommer](#); [Kathy Ann Sundland](#); [Courtney Wisinski](#); [Derek Perry](#); [Frank Walsh](#)
Subject: Daniel's Drain Assessment
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 10:45:04 AM

Dear Meridian Township Board,

This is a letter of protest concerning the special assessment notice that we received in regards to the Daniel's Drain Improvement.

Not only is the assessment total outrageously high, but this is the first time many of us have even had any idea of what the cost to taxpayers might be.

We feel the Board needs to re-evaluate before any final assessment amounts are set.

Sincerely,
Steven and Joy Chase
1324 Spicewood Dr.
Okemos, Mi. 48864

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Terry Potterpin](#)
To: [Ronald Styka](#); [Deborah Guthrie](#); [Phil Deschaine](#); [Patricia Herring Jackson](#); [Dan Opsommer](#); [Kathy Ann Sundland](#); [Courtney Wisinski](#)
Subject: Appeal of the Daniels Drain Assessment
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 5:00:39 PM
Attachments: [Scanned from a Xerox Multifunction Printer.pdf](#)

I am not able to make it to the meeting, please consider the attached letter my formal appeal of the Daniels Drain Assessment.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter

Terry Potterpin

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November 16, 2021

Meridian Township
5151 Marsh Road
Okemos, MI 48864

Re: Parcel 33-02-02-23-377-011; Daniels Drain Project

Dear Board Members,

I hereby appeal the Daniels Drain Project special assessment on my property, parcel 33-02-02-23-377-011. Additionally, I understand that my homeowner's association will also be levied due to the special assessment. While I cannot speak on behalf of the association, I do not agree with their assessment as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry Potterpin', with a large, stylized initial 'T'.

Terry Potterpin

Ronald Potterpin