

Bullough's Pond Dam Project Kick Off Meeting March 11, 2022

Attendees: - Jim McGonagle, Shawna Sullivan, Lou Taverna, Terry Crowley, Carol Stapleton Councilors Albright, Lukas, Norton, and Malakie, Kathleen Kouril Grieser Jennifer Bentley, Jim Nickerson, and Lee Wooten

Lou Taverna welcomed everyone to the meeting providing a brief description: GEI Consultants will run the design

This is the first of six meetings with members of the Working Group the City committed to.

Lee Wooten, GEI forty-one years' experience in dam work. Lee is looking forward to all input as we balance needs.

Jim Nickerson, GEI twenty + years, has reviewed all past documents. Jim is excited to start the project and looks forward to hearing from the group. Stressing the need to strike a balance with members of Bullough's Pond Association and state regulations

Jim McGonagle thanked members for coming and laid the groundwork for communication. Terry Crowley will be the point of contact for all communication within the group. She will take notes and send out for edits/revisions. Please add anything of relevance that may have been missed and Terry will make revisions before sending a final copy to the group.

Councilor Malakie- recorded the meeting. She asked about any downstream constraints. Lou responded; this will be evaluated during the hydraulic analysis.

Kathleen Kouril Grieser (KKG) stressed the importance of dam remediation with the least possible tree removal noting the pond has been a respite for folks for years and especially during the pandemic. She noted the significance of the ecosystem and history of the dam and pond. She said the City has sufficient funds for dredging the pond and Mayor Fuller committed to this. She would also like to see some ARPA funds directed to open spaces. She noted that the dam has held for 100 years. There have not been any reported flooding/wet basements in surrounding area.

Would love to see a natural stone wall added downstream, is advocating for the area to remain as natural looking as possible including restoring the banks.

Councilor Albright asked if there are plans to dredge the pond, KKG is hopeful this is the case. Lou noted that dredging the pond would be considered in the design process. Dam was last dredged in 1993 according to KKG

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Councilor Norton asked about next steps.

GEI responded:

1. Walk around
2. Brainstorming
3. Engineering Calculations
4. H&H
5. Drawings
6. Sediment probing (NFD will help with a boat) KKG would love to view boring work and take photos. She asked that she be notified of any site survey work as the Bullough's Pond Association would love to view this work and document with photos.