

FOREST LAKE PROPERT OWNERS ASSOCIATION

SPILLWAY REPAIR PROJECT UPDATE

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Recent events related to the Spillway Repair Project are as follows:

- On April 21, 2022 the Board entered into a Contract with Merjent to perform an Architectural Evaluation of the dam as required by USDA-NRCS. On May 24th the Board received notification that the report submitted by Merjent was accepted by the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office and therefore the evaluation requirement has been fulfilled and the "hold" on construction is no longer in effect. The cost of the Architectural Evaluation was covered by the Technical Assistance portion of the USDA-NRCS grant.
- The Board has received permission from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe to reallocate the previous \$50,000 grant for replacement of wood stop logs with new aluminum or stainless steel stop logs in lieu of new slide gates. (The originally proposed slide gate installation was cost prohibitive and the delivery time was five months after approval of shop drawings.) The Contractor is soliciting quotes from stop log manufacturers for our consideration.
- Detailed information for the siphon system proposed by the Contractor to control lake level during construction has been added to the EGLE permit application.
- An additional engineering consultant was hired, to supplement the current efforts by Lapham Associates, for computer modeling of the Wells Creek floodplain as required for the EGLE permit. The computer modeling, and the associated hydraulic report, is scheduled to be submitted to EGLE shortly.
- All EGLE and USDA-NRCS technical review comments regarding the spillway construction and the temporary siphon system have been addressed and the appropriate information will be submitted to EGLE for review when the floodplain computer modeling information is submitted.
- The Notice to Proceed will be issued to Fisher Contracting after EGLE indicates that the final submission of information required for the permit is acceptable. The Contractor anticipates that it will take approximately two weeks to mobilize and begin preliminary site work such as installation of construction safety fencing, construction of the access road and installation of the siphon system. The start of construction work on site may need to be delayed if the EGLE permit has not been issued when the Contractor is ready to begin work on the spillway.
- In the interim period, prior to the issuance of the Notice to Proceed, the Contractor is preparing shop drawing submittals for approval by Lapham Associates. This procedure will help to minimize delays in material ordering and procurement.
- The project schedule requires that the project be substantially complete within 153 days of the date of the Notice to Proceed. Some final site restoration work will probably be delayed until next spring.
- The EGLE permit for repair of FLPOA docks was issued on June 2, 2022.
- An electrical panel and meter has been installed adjacent to the dam by Bock Electric. Consumers Energy will install the power feed to the panel in approximately 4-5 weeks.

Although it appears that the spillway repair project has stalled we are still moving forward. All involved parties are making every effort possible to keep the project moving in a positive direction. Your continued patience is appreciated.

Forest Lake Property Owners Association Board of Directors