

FOREST LAKE DAM SPILLWAY UPDATE

May 25, 2020

The Board of Directors has employed the services of Green Contracting to make repairs to the dam outlet spillway. The Contractor worked with the consulting engineering firm of Lapham Associates to prepare a repair plan, review the plan with State of Michigan EGLE and obtain an emergency construction permit. Work was performed on May 22/23 and is scheduled to start up again on May 26. The repairs will be a temporary fix in order that the spillway can be stabilized and remain in service until a plan for permanent repairs can be developed and implemented in the future. The completion date for the current repair work is unknown at this time.

After the repair work is completed the spillway slab will be inspected to determine if cracks in the concrete will require temporary repairs.

We are currently draining the lake at a low rate due to the compromised condition of the spillway. The lake will most likely remain above normal level for a considerable amount of time. A schedule for return to normal boating activity has not been determined. There is a possibility that power boating may not be feasible for the entire season. If your boat is still in the water we recommend that it be removed immediately since there is the possibility that the lake may need to be drained or may rise to a high level at some time in the future. The Association will not be responsible for any damage to boats as a result of fluctuating lake levels.

The Board is also starting the process of soliciting bids from engineering firms to prepare plans and specifications for construction of a new spillway. In addition we are using the services of Lapham Associates to assist us in making application to FEMA for a grant. At this time we are not sure if the FLPOA is eligible for a grant.

The State of Michigan EGLE Dam Safety Unit and the US Army Corp of Engineers are scheduled to be on site and make an evaluation of our dam sometime this week.

Additional updates will be issued in the future when information becomes available.

The following rules will be strictly enforced by our Security Department:

- The dam road is closed to all vehicle traffic until the current construction activities are complete. Pedestrian traffic and bicycles are allowed on the road after construction stops for the day. The road will be reopened after the repairs are complete and it is safe to use the road. The road will be closed again whenever future construction activities require road closure for safety or other reasons.

- Pedestrians are not allowed at any time on FLPOA property on both sides of the spillway until further notice. These areas are in the construction zone and are extremely unsafe due to unstable ground conditions, ravine areas with shear drop offs, etc. Private property owners adjacent to the spillway have experienced trespassing and further activity of this sort may result in citations being issued by the Arenac County Sheriff.
- Parking will not be allowed on the dam structure on either of the road after the dam road is reopened.

Forest Lake Property Owners Board of Directors