



# MINUTES

## Pen Dam Public Engagement Committee Meeting

7:00 PM - Wednesday, July 21, 2021

Virtual

The Pen Dam Public Engagement Committee of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 7:33 PM, in the Virtual , with the following members present:

**PRESENT:**

**ABSENT:**

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 7:33pm

**2 ROLL CALL**

Beth Gibbons-Sustainability Commissioner - Present, City of Ypsilanti Washtenaw County

Bryan Foley-Sustainability Commissioner - Present, City of Ypsilanti Washtenaw County

Ila Coltas-Ward 3 resident, Digital Marketing expert- Present, Ypsilanti Township Washtenaw County

Sally Lusk-Ward 2 resident, impoundment property owner - Present, City of Ypsilanti Washtenaw County

Corey Haselhuhn-Sales Manager, Schultz Outfitters - Absent

Christopher Jacobs-Community Development Manager, City of Ypsilanti - Present, City of Ypsilanti Washtenaw County

Jennifer Symanns-Ward 2 Council Member - Present, City of Ypsilanti Washtenaw County

Steve Wilcoxon-Ward 2 Council Member - Present, City of Ypsilanti Washtenaw County

**3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Symmans motion to approve, Jacobs second. Motion passed unanimously

**4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5 PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Bill Knolting name not identified - Comments on his birding recreation experience with his wife at peninsular park. Curious about the impact of dam removal on the water fowl.

2. Deborah - Resident downriver of the Pen Dam. Wants to know the implications of dam removal on property line.

## 6 NEW BUSINESS

- a) Future Meetings Discussion
  - a. Public Engagement Committee meetings:
    - i. Proposed dates:
      - i. August 4, 2021, 7:30pm-9:00pm, Zoom.
      - ii. August 18, 2021, 7:30pm-9:00pm, Zoom.
      - iii. September 1, 2021, 7:30pm-9:00pm, Zoom.
  - b. Public Meetings:
    - i. Location: Ypsilanti Freight House, hybrid meeting: in person and Zoom.
    - ii. Focus Group workshops:
      - i. August 11: Landowners
      - ii. August 25: Recreationists
      - iii. September 8: General public, residents and non-residents
    - iii. Summary report of findings is due September 29, 2021. This will be reviewed by committee then published prior to the townhall.
    - iv. Community Townhall:
      - i. October 6, 2021.
      - ii. Note: the date for Technical Work for DNR grant work to be done is October 8.

Discussion among the committee regarding the proposed calendar. The proposed changes were made tentatively to the following:

August 4th and August 11th and September 1 committee meetings  
August 18th proposed focus group landowners  
August 25th proposed focus group recreation  
September 8th General public meeting

- b) Presentations:
  - 1. Steve Wilcoxon: scope and current status of Technical Studies funded through the DNR. Also scope and current status of Restoration Committee

Steve Wilcoxon provided presentation from HRWC on the scope and current status of Technical Studies funded through the DNR. Also scope and current status of restoration committee.

- c) Communication Strategy:
  - 1. Contacts for stakeholder groups
  - 2. Collateral
    - i. Web material and routes of distribution.
    - ii. Printed material and routes of distribution.
  - 3. Content and format for Focus Group workshops
    - i. Landowners:
    - ii. Recreationist:

- iii. General Public
- iv. Amenities: childcare, food, etc.

The committee decided now to address these agenda items for the sake of time.

- d) Committee proposed business

## **7 ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm