



AGENDA

Peninsular Dam Removal Public Engagement Ad Hoc Committee Special Meeting

7:30pm -August 4

Virtual- see link in footer.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Beth Gibbons-Sustainability Commissioner
Bryan Foley-Sustainability Commissioner
Ila Coltas-Ward 3 resident, Digital Marketing expert
Sally Lusk-Ward 2 resident, impoundment property owner
Corey Haselhuhn-Sales Manager, Schultz Outfitters
Christopher Jacobs-Community Development Manager, City of Ypsilanti
Jennifer Symanns-Ward 2 Council Member
Steve Wilcoxon-Ward 2 Council Member

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IV.1. Approval of Minutes from July 21, 2021

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V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

VI. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

VI.1. Public Engagement Meetings Schedule- for Vote

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VI.2. Public Workshop/Town Hall Meetings:

- a. Location: Ypsilanti Freight House, hybrid meeting: in person and Zoom.
- b. Focus Group workshops:
 - a. August 18: Landowners
 - b. August 25: Recreationists
 - c. September 8: General public, residents and non-residents
- c. Summary report of findings is due September 29, 2021. This will be reviewed by committee then published prior to the townhall.
- d. Community Townhall:
 - a. October 6, 2021.
 - b. Note: the date for Technical Work for DNR grant work to be done is October 8.

VI.3. Communication Strategy: Sommer Woods

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.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ID: 891 9585 3988. Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89195853988>. Toll free phone access: 888 475 4499 or 877 853 5257



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
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 - 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



**City of Ypsilanti
Peninsular Dam Removal
Public Engagement Committee
One South Huron Street
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197**

2021 Calendar of Meetings

The regular meetings of the City of Ypsilanti **Peninsular Dam Removal Public Engagement Committee** for the year of 2021 will be held **at the posted dates** at 7:30 p.m. by zoom, with the link posted to the city website.

Dates for the 2021 Public Engagement meetings are as follows:

July 21
August 4
August 18
September 1

The City of Ypsilanti encourages persons with disabilities to participate and will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired, Limited English Proficiency (LEP) services, and audios of printed materials being considered at the meeting. Individuals requiring auxiliary aids or services should provide two (2) days' notice to the City, and contact the City by writing or calling the following:

City Clerk's Office
One South Huron Street
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197-5420
(734) 483-1100

All persons are welcome to attend. For further information on the Peninsular Dam Removal Project, contact the Planning and Development Department at the above address, or 734-483-9646, or www.cityofypsilanti.com.