

MINUTES
FOX RIVER DAM JOINT TASK FORCE
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024
6:00PM, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2 E. MAIN STREET

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm

2. Roll Call

Present: Ald. Ryan Bongard, Jim Cooke, Mike Kies, Conrad Newell,
Brian Pohrte, John Rabchuk, Ald. Bryan Wirball

Absent: Bob Thomson

Ald. Lencioni joined the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

3. Approve March 28 Fox River Dam Joint Task Force minutes

Minutes from March meeting:

Motion by Ald. Bryan Wirball, second by Ald. Ryan Bongard, to approve the March minutes.

Voice vote: Ayes –Ald. Ryan Bongard, Jim Cooke, Mike Kies, Ald. Paul Lencioni, Conrad Newell, Brian Pohrte, John Rabchuk, Bryan Wirball;

Nays – None

Absent – Thomson

4. River Task Force Website

Summary of Discussion: Holly Cabel the Director of Parks & Recreation for the St. Charles Park District, presented an overview of the status of the website development for the River Dam Task Force. Questions were asked about when the website would go live. Director Cabel stated that a draft of the website should be to them by May 10.

5. Presentation on the History of the Dam

Summary of Discussion: Chris Adesso the Assistant Director of the Public Works Department for the City of St. Charles presented on the history of the Dam. A focus of questions was centered around ownership of the Dam. Jim Cooke asked if the City's attorney could answer or respond to ownership questions at a future meeting. Additionally, it was requested if this presentation could be sent out to task force members.

6. Sub-committees appointed by Chair

- A. Environmental – Bob T & Conrad N
- B. Recreational – Mike K & Brian P
- C. Economic Impact – Bryan W & Ryan B
- D. Army Corp Report – Paul L & John R

Summary of Discussion: Jim Cooke, Chair, presented on the appointments of the sub-committees. Questions were focused around process for submitting information, where safety fell as far as category and timelines for submitting information. Each sub committee will be on future agendas. There was a question about responding to public questions within focused areas and it was stated that those should be answered but focus on overall goals of respective areas.

7. Public Comment

Summary of Discussion: Community members both residents and non-residents asked questions and made comments associated with the Dam. Those who made comments were encouraged to also send the Task Force any additional information for the committee to review.

8. Next Meeting Thursday, June 6, 2024

9. Adjourn

Adjournment: Motion by Ald. Ryan Bongard, second by Ald. Paul Lencioni, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Voice vote: Ayes –Ald. Ryan Bongard, Jim Cooke, Mike Kies, Ald. Paul Lencioni, Conrad Newell, Brian Pohrte, John Rabchuk, Bryan Wirball;
Nays – None; Absent – Thomson