

Turkey Creek Dam and Dike Conservancy Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Pipp

Pledge of allegiance was led by Carolyn Anderson

Present for the meeting; William Pipp, Jim Silcox, Carolyn Anderson, and Todd Mikel.
Vendors; Dave Hollenbeck, Ross Hagen and Chris Jeter.

Motion was made and approved to approve the agenda.

Motion was made and approved to accept the minutes from the August 27, 2022, meeting.

Chairman Bill Pipp reviewed the mission:

“We all know the mission statement by now”

The Turkey Creek Dam and Dike Conservancy was established to help monitor and maintain structures that are integral to lake water level management. The lakes and our residents are what make Syracuse a great place to live, and the creation of a conservancy district ensures that structures get the attention they require to remain functional.

The conservancy district will oversee crucial and intermediate maintenance projects, while keeping the community informed of progress. Doing so will protect area property values and increase the quality of life for residents. In turn, improving water level management structures will go a long way in sustaining environmental areas, wildlife habitats and recreational opportunities throughout our area.

Financial

Ross Hagen Indicated we are waiting for the Department of Local General Finance (DLGF) to issue its 1798 notice approving our 2023 budget. Our last chance for adjustment will be December 2022. The budgeted dike expense is 475K and the levy for 2023 is 150K

Engineering

Chris Jeter Indicated we are anticipating approval of our dike reconstruction plan by Thanksgiving. There may be a condition to lay in glacial stone in front of the new dike pilings. Contingency plans have been discussed and will be proposed with the DNR if necessary.

David Hollenbeck reviewed status of the first work of improvement for the dike in Hawaiian Village. Once we have the green light from the DNR on Lawson Fisher's dike plan, they will review the engineers work and refer to the IDNR. Once approved, the IDNR will require the board to hold a public meeting to review the plan. After the public meeting the work can be submitted for bids. Once a bid is accepted, a second public meeting will be held to review criteria, specifications, and the capability of the contractor. Final costs cannot exceed 5% of the original bid. (Same process as stated at the previous meeting)

Dave also discussed the nominations process and rotation of officers as well as the need for related nominations and election letters. Jim Silcox will be submitting the required nomination form complete with signatures.

For the record, here are the terms for each director.

TODD MIKEL – D1 –
13117 NORTH EASTSHORE DR.
SYRACUSE, IN. 46567
574-596-4549

TERM ENDS 2026

JIM SILCOX – D2
323 EAST NORTH KITSON LANE
SYRACUSE, IN. 46567
260-450-2718

TERM ENDS 2023

BILL PIPP – D3 -- CHAIRMAN
10695 N. LUNG LANE
SYRACUSE, IN. 46567
317-690-3642

TERM ENDS 2024

DAVE JOHNSTON – D4
1117 E. NORTHSHORE DR.
SYRACUSE, IN. 46567
574-457-7111

TERM ENDS 2025

CAROLYN ANDERSON – D5 -- VICE CHAIRMAN
8357 E. SOUTH ROAD
SYRACUSE, IN. 46567
574-457-2906

TERM ENDS 2025

Old Business

Nothing to report

New Business

Bill Pipp explained that we are still working with the town of Syracuse to contribute to costs associated with the dike construction.

Dave Hollenbeck reiterated that the Town of Syracuse can legally participate in financial assistance with the dike project.

Jim Silcox reported that traffic on the website is small but steady. We are posting a few articles each month to stay on people's radars. The next article will inform constituents on the lowering of the TCDDCD levy by 35% for the year 2023.

Jim also reported there are no emails being sent to the directors TCDDCD addresses. He suggested we establish one email address for constituents and cancel individuals addresses to avoid the monthly associated cost to include them on the website.

A motion was made, and approved to discontinue individual emails.

Carolyn reported the funds from the donors managed by WPOA have been spent and mentioned a final payment to the WPOA to clean up balances with vendors. This was noted as not being a good practice by our Baker-Tilley rep.

Dave Hollenbeck suggested we use a monthly bills resolution as a best practice. Ross will prepare the list of normal bills for the resolution. Dave will write up the resolution so the BOD can pass it at the next meeting.

A motion was made and approved to create the "bills" resolution.

Next required meeting

A motion was made and accepted to hold the next board meeting December 7th, 2022, at 3:00pm at the WACF office. The vendors will be able to participate via ZOOM. The agenda will cover the review of the costs associated with the DNR approved dike construction plan. Public notice will be required 48 hours in advance for newspapers and the website.

A motion was made and approved to adjourn

