

## Fox River View Subdivision Retention Pond-2022

On April 19, the Village Public Work supervisor, Ron Bittner, led a bunch of homeowners on a walk around the retention pond. He pointed out numerous hints what we all should be watching for, to keep the retention pond clay base in good condition and able to retain the water.

Jeremy, Ryan & I were present, along with a few other home owners.

Before getting started he pointed out the rocks that are holding back the normal flow of natural spring water coming from the North (Edgewood condo association). No one should be disturbing the natural flow of water. The DNR map shows the natural waterway as a dashed-line below ES, currently the Edgewood condo area running behind FRR. See map below.

The grass around the pond should be cut once a year, leaving it about 5 or 6 inches long to help from erosion. The plant vegetation is fine, even in the water.

A couple spots appeared to be old muskrat dens. An active den presents possible damage to the clay lining of the pond. Once the clay lining is damaged, repair would be extremely expensive at a cost to the subdivision.

The far end, near the commercial greenhouse, loads of large rock are present to slow down any flow that might occur if the pond overfills.

All the shrubs and trees must be cut down, the sooner the better. Out landscaper, CLS, is contracted to do this work as soon as the soil round the pond dries out.

Ron also encouraged homeowners to take a walk around the pond and create a nature walking path. Discussions of adding birdhouses or other items to make the landscape more enjoyable. Maybe some cub or girl scouts in the neighborhood are looking for a project?

Thanks – FRV HOA Board.

