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Honorable Vickie Paladino
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Dear Council Member Paladino:

This letter is a follow-up to our meetings and is intended to provide you with information that you requested about the Bowne Park project timeline, and maintenance work that has been completed at the site.

The sidewalk diversion at the Bowne Park Pond construction entrance has been repaired and improved. The site contractor also repaired the construction fences around the property, and the roadside barricades near the construction entrance, which are used to redirect pedestrians from the sidewalk to the street. Lastly, for your convenience, I've attached the Bowne Park project timeline.

DESIGN TIMEFRAME

- June 2015 – Design Start – Design timeline was not typical due to extensive infrastructure testing and pond sediment testing required for permitting with DEC.
- November 2017 – Design Complete

PROCUREMENT TIMEFRAME

- Spring 2018 – Project was bid but the bids came in excessively high, so the decision was made to re-bid in an effort to bring the cost down.
- Winter 2019 – Project was rebid with more favorable bids received January 2019.
- Spring 2019 – Contract was awarded to Woodstock Construction Group, LTD. Contractor had difficulty in obtaining necessary bonding, so Parks was proactive and assisted in providing suggestions for surety companies they could use. Contract registration was then halted from March 2020 to March 2021 due to the citywide COVID-19 pause on all City contracts.

CONSTRUCTION TIMEFRAME

- March 2021 – Contract was registered, and contractor began work.
- Pond dewatering delayed due to lack of a pipe connection to the City storm sewer system requiring a change order and new design approval by DEP.
- March 2022 - Change order at the final stage (registration at the Comptroller's office). DEP approval obtained.
- Work cannot resume until July 2022 in order to be compliant with DEC permit stipulations that mandate that work between March and June cannot take place.

Sincerely,

Michael Dockett
Queens Borough Commissioner