



FMW Renovation Update

April 15, 2018

Monday

We continue baffled by the latest DOE concern about our Storm Water Management Plan, but continue to believe that illumination will come.

We discuss what to do about our Very Worst Room — the nearly unphotographable Quaker House Boiler Room:



It doesn't look this good in person and features a large, square pit in the center with a smaller round pit in the middle of that.

You will be able to access it from a new door in the new corridor. Lucky you.

We agree to relocate the troll, fill in the pit and add a mop sink to provide a sort of Janitor's closet.

Tuesday

The contractor asks what finish options we want inside the elevator. Is Quaker Beige a color?

We refer this decision to the architects.

We have our biweekly meeting with the contractors and architects. No major news. We are still looking for office space for the construction supervisor and agree to consider sawing our Main Office in half.

Later, we (especially Dan) meet with three Monarc Construction emissaries to agree on contract language. Nothing can stop us now except the storm water permit guys.



Wednesday

Discussions of what to do with the semi-historic bricks, stones, and ironwork we will be removing to make room for the new stuff.

Thursday

The DOE has an internal meeting and returns the SWMP to us for revision. Our engineers ask whether we could make the numbers work by arbitrarily dumping ½ inch of topsoil on the lawn for no other reason than to allow it to be described as a “disturbed area.” Apparently, the answer is “yes”.

Arborist and Meeting attendee Earl Eutsler suggests that we “disturb” the required area with “vertical mulching”, which uses an “air spade” to loosen, aerate, and improve the soil without damaging the tree roots. We'll try that.

Friday

Monarc sends us a revised contract draft for weekend reading. We'll resubmit the site plan early next week. Otherwise, we're ready to go.