



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Board of Harbor Commission

Thursday, July 17, 2025

3:00 PM

Racine Yacht Club

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Sean Fox Vice Chair, Dan Strommen and John Bertermann

Excused: Rick Hennig, Jim Poplawski - Chair, Lynn Monroe, Alder – David Maack.

Staff Present: Deputy Jerome Hipper – Racine County Sheriff's Dept., Ben Haas - County Parks Dept., and Ara Molitor – Secretary.

Staff Not Present: Tom Molbeck – Director Racine Parks & Rec., Jason Seyferth – Harbor Tenders

Reoccurring and Special Guest(s) Present: Kurt Wentorf and Rick and Amy Cermak. Roley Behm and Chris Gallegher from Racine County DPW/Engineering were invited to give an update on the North Pier. There were at least 10 other Racine Yacht Club members present to hear the county's update.

Approval of Minutes for the June 18, 2025 Meeting

Minutes of the June 18, 2025, were approved as printed.

North Pier Update-County:

Roley Behm and Chris Gallagher both briefly updated those present on the intentions of the County for future repairs/plans for the North Pier. Funding for a "non-commercial" harbor can be very difficult. The County has had conversations with several agencies and politicians for funding. USACOE is currently considering taking over the ownership/maintenance of the piers making up the harbor, but this is usually done in commercial harbor cases. The County is currently sending out a "Request for Proposal" to complete a feasibility study for the North Pier. With this project the funding will be the most difficult portion to obtain for any construction to happen. As part of the project there will be dredging required within the harbor, especially along the inside of the north pier. Once the feasibility study is completed the next step would be to decide which option to proceed with and the availability of funds is going to be the critical factor in what will be done. The discussion quickly went to options that the Harbor Commission has already had several conversations pertaining to. Pursuing Wisconsin Waterways grants has been discussed in the past and well as discussions with Senator Baldwin and Congressman Steil

Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol Report:

Deputy Jerome Hipper from the Sheriff's Dept. stated that they have assisting Jason (Harbor Tender) with locating and moving buoys that shifted in the winter months.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Report:

Tom Molbeck was not present for the meeting to give an update.

Old Business:

Floating Dock Deck Board Replacement:

Jason Seyferth (Harbor Tender) is assessing and repairing the 3 piers of concern for the committee for damage and repairs in addition to the cleaning / power washing that he currently is conducting.

Old Azarian Marina Piling Removal:

this property is currently owned by the City and these pilings will be addressed next year. Kurt Wentorf did mark them temporarily as best as he could.

New Business:

Possible future consideration for discussion on the Board will be the fact that the Reefpoints Marina's project will decrease substantially the number of slips within the harbor. This board get a fixed fee per number of slips rented.

Sherman James Foertsch a former and longtime member of the Harbor Commission, recently passed away.

Next Meeting Date: August 21, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. - Fifth St. Yacht Club

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.