



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Board of Harbor Commission

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

3:00 PM

Racine Yacht Club

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m

Present: Sean Fox Vice Chair and Jim Poplawski - Chair,

Excused: Rick Hennig, Dan Strommen, John Bertermann, Lynn Monroe, Alder – David Maack.

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

Staff Not Present: Ben Haas - County Parks Dept., Tom Molbeck – Director Racine Parks & Rec., Jason Seyferth – Harbor Tenders

Guest(s) Present: Kurt Wentorf and Rick and Amy Cermak.

Approval of Minutes for the May 15, 2025 Meeting

Minutes of the May 15, 2025 meeting were approved as printed.

Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol Report:

Deputy Jerome Hipper from the Sheriff's Dept. stated that they have gotten the buoys in and they will let Jason (Harbor Tender) know.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Report:

Tom Molbeck was not present for the meeting to give an update. Jim Poplawski did have a meeting onsite with Tom Molbeck regarding the small boat launch and gating the lot. Tom estimated that it would cost around \$50,000 to complete that. He would have to figure out how to get that in the Capital Improvements of the 2026 Budget. That raised a few questions regarding the Kiosk upgrade, location and how the season passes will be handled to use the launch area. There were also questions regarding the status of the Pershing Drive shoreline repairs as that affects the overflow parking for the summer season.

Old Business:

North Pier Phase II:

Roley Behm and Chris Gallagher could not make this meeting due to the short notice

of the date change. They will give an update at the July meeting which will also be held at the Racine Yacht Club. This committee is committed and willing to do whatever they can to obtain Wisconsin Waterways' money to assist in funding.

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.

Boating Hazard at the old Azarian Marina:

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

Pump Out Station Storm Damage:

Ara Molitor updated the committee that the ramp servicing the Pump Out Station was blown into the water during the storm. It has been restored and re-anchored to the dock and needs to be power washed before we open it back up to the public. Everything else is operating fine.

New Business:

N/A

Next Meeting Date: July 17, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.- Racine Yacht Club

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m