



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Board of Harbor Commission

*Sherman Foertsch*  
*Tom Ryan*  
*Michael Fox*  
*Tony Herrmann*  
*Richard Hynek*  
*James Rooney*  
*Lynn Monroe*  
*Dan Strommen*  
*Alderman Tracey Larrin*

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Thursday, April 19, 2018

4:00 PM

Harbor Lite Yacht Club - 559 State St.

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#### Call To Order

*The meeting was called to order at 4:03 P.M.*

**PRESENT:** 6 - Sherman Foertsch, Tom Ryan, Michael Fox, Tony Herrmann, James Rooney and Lynn Monroe

**EXCUSED:** 3 - Richard Hynek, Dan Strommen and Tracey Larrin

Also Present: John Rooney, Sgt. Hogan, Jim Poplawski, Charlie Manning, Bob Sample

Excused: Tom Molbeck

#### Approval of Minutes for the February 15, 2018 Meeting

*The minutes of the February 15, 2018 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.*

#### Foxconn Project Briefing from Keith Haas

*Keith Haas appeared before the Harbor Commission and gave a brief 60-year history of water consumption in the City of Racine. He noted that consumption had peaked around 2000, then declined back to early 1960's levels and about 2016, he noted currently the treatment plant supplies anywhere between 15 to 20 million gallons a day. He did note with the advent of Foxconn coming, water levels could return back to those levels in the manufacturing heyday of Racine in the 1970's and 1980's. He did note there is maximum capacity of 60 million gallons a day is more than adequate to provide water for this project. He showed a map of approximately \$120,000,000 in water infrastructure projects that need to be done over the next 3 years with Foxconn. He did indicate, insofar as water quality was concerned, the water that will be supplied to Foxconn will then be recleaned by Foxconn in their use for manufacturing at a level much higher than was distributed for public consumption. He noted Foxconn is required to provide clean discharges back into the wastewater stream and that pre-treatment is required as it is for any other manufacturer. He noted he believes there will be no issues with Foxconn complying with sanitary sewer discharge requirements to the treatment plant.*

### **Request to Use the Canoe Launch Area at Rooney Recreational Area on a Temporary Basis**

*Charlie Manning appeared before the Commission and was asking permission to store approximately 45,000 lbs. of pipe piling at Rooney Recreational Area near the sand ramp. He noted these pilings would be installed at Racine Yacht Club, Gaslight Marina and Pugh Marina. He noted the contractor, Kadinger, is currently working in Milwaukee and will be in Racine, hopefully, in the next 10 days or so to do all the work and have all this material installed in approximately 10 days after their arrival.*

*Secretary Rooney noted this was more of an informational request only and this item should go to Park & Recreation and their Commission to get approval of a hold-harmless agreement along with liability insurance being required for the storage of these materials on City-owned lands. He noted the Rooney Recreational Area is not under of the purview of the Harbor Commission even though the sand ramp and the dinghy racks are located at this public space.*

*Charlie Manning noted he had been in contact with Tom Molbeck and the Parks Department for this request.*

*This was information only and no action was required.*

### **Request from Bob Sample to do Dock Improvements for the Youth Sailing Program Near Racine Yacht Club and Rooney Recreational Area**

*Bob Sample and Charlie Manning showed proposed dock additions near Racine Yacht Club, just north of Rooney Recreational Area. They distributed plans to show work that was being provided for the sailing school.*

*After review of the plans, it was noted there does not appear to be any issue with navigation for the proposed work.*

*After further discussion, a motion was made by Fox, seconded by Monroe to approve the plan as submitted. Passed unanimously.*

### **Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol Report**

*Sgt. Hogan stated that the Water Patrol is on pace for the season and that all floating docks have been installed. In response to a question by Chairman Rooney, Sgt. Hogan noted the Water Patrol would be staying at the Reefpoint Marina building again for the 2018 season.*

### **Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Report**

*Secretary Rooney noted that Tom Molbeck would not be in attendance at the meeting. He indicated to the Harbor Commission, on his behalf, seasonal passes for the boat launch have begun, and to date just over \$1,000 in revenue has been received for those annual launch passes. He also noted Tom Molbeck reports that all piers at the 5th Street Boat Launch are in for the season. He noted the new handicap pier was installed and needed some additional work by Port-A-Pier. That work has been done. He also noted Tom Molbeck would like to appear at the next Harbor Commission meeting to have a discussion on part-time employees that would work scheduled hours to oversee the boat launch area and fountain. Tom Molbeck would like this employee*

to report to Park, Recreation and Cultural Services. He did note that part of the discussion would be about the best days and times during the week for the employee to be at the boat launch area, including special events, to help with the washdown station, the kiosk for daily launch fees, as well as the chair lift that is installed.

### **Fund For Lake Michigan - Proposal for Racine County Harbor Monitoring**

Chairman Rooney noted he met with the County Executive regarding issues as it relates applications to the Wisconsin Waterways Commission for funding. He noted that the County Executive was made aware there are funds available now for projects and Chairman Rooney would like the County to apply for funds to do repairs on the north breakwater. He noted a report was filed in the last several months noting repairs are needed to the north breakwater section.

Since the meeting of this issue, Secretary Rooney received the final report on the north breakwater that noted two phases should be looked at immediately on the outer leg of the north breakwater. He noted those two phases would call for repairs and reconstruction of the north breakwater in excess of \$6,000,000.

### **Grant RBF-1624, City of Racine ADA Chair Lift Modifications**

Secretary Rooney noted that the piers are complete and have been installed at the 5th Street Boat Launch Ramp for the upgrades with the wheels added for easy removal and placement of the ADA pier, along with the relocation of the bracket for the chair lift that was moved closer to the edge. He also noted the reimbursement has been filed with WisDNR for the 50% cost share of the project. He noted this item is now complete and asked that it be removed from the agenda in the future.

### **Racine Harbor & Root River Water Quality Issues**

Keith Haas also commented on the request that has been made from Waukesha to discharge treated sanitary sewage flow into the Root River. Haas noted Waukesha is under very rigid standards for treatment effluent compliance. He noted the Racine Wastewater Utility is only required to do primary and secondary treatment. He noted Waukesha, because it is discharging into the Fox River, currently, is required to do primary, secondary and tertiary treatment. He believes the flows that will be released into the head waters of the Root River will have very little impact on water quality as it relates to the Root River. He also noted the estimated 8 million gallons a day that will be discharged should have relatively minor effect on flows in the Root River. He spoke of some calculations he had seen that involve modeling of flows and noted that perhaps, in the summer months when the Root River is so dry, you can practically walk across it without getting your ankles wet. He noted 6 inches of water depth may be added during those times. He also noted that during specific wet weather events, for example the 100 year flood stage, the added water Waukesha would be negligible. He noted that the discharges during the 100 year event are several times greater than the discharge you would see from Waukesha resulting in 100ths of an inch increase in water depths in the river.

### **U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Lake Level Bulletin for April 2018**

Secretary Rooney distributed the March and April Lake Level Bulletin Reports. These are information only and no action was required.

**Next Meeting Date - May 24, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. - Racine Yacht Club, 1 Barker St.**

*The next meeting date was requested to being moved to May 24th at Racine Yacht Club due to absences of the Chairman and Secretary on May 17th.*

**Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 5:23 P.M.*

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