



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Board of Harbor Commission

Chairman James Rooney
Lynn Monroe
Michael Fox
Richard Hynek
Jeff Raffini
Tony Herrmann
Sherman Foertsch
Tom Ryan

Thursday, April 21, 2011

4:00 PM

Fifth Street Yacht Club - 761 Marquette St.

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:13 P.M.

PRESENT: 7 - Lynn Monroe, Michael Fox, Richard Hynek, Tony Herrmann, James Rooney, Sherman Foertsch and Tom Ryan

EXCUSED: 1 - Jeff Raffini

Also Present: John Rooney, Sgt. Bill Halliday, Dave Blank, Charlie Manning, Monte Osterman

2. Approval of Minutes for the March 17, 2011 Meeting

The minutes of the March 17, 2011 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

3. [11-6083](#)

Subject: Communication from Dave Blank, President/CEO of Real Racine, requesting permission to dock the ship, Denis Sullivan, in the Racine Harbor in August.

Recommendation of the Harbor Commission on 03-17-11: Defer

Recommendation of the Harbor Commission on 04-21-11: Defer

Dave Blank appeared before the Commission and noted the Denis Sullivan is interested in docking in Racine on Friday, Saturday and possibly Sunday night, August 19 - 21, 2011. He noted, tentatively, the schedule was for a Friday night evening cruise, three Saturday cruises, and Sunday would be used for additional cruises or walk-on visits to the Denis Sullivan.

Chairman Rooney noted soundings were taken by Water Patrol, and noted there was adequate depth along the T-docks in Reef Point Marina and by the fuel dock as well. He also noted there was adequate depth at the pump-out station, west of the Main Street bridge and also near the Pugh fuel dock. He noted shallower areas in the river near the M&I Building, east of the Main Street bridge on the south side of the river, and also in the Rooney Pugh Park area where the floating docks have been installed. He also noted shallower depths than usual, by Spinnakers, within the Reef Point

Marina. Chairman Rooney also noted he visited the Denis Sullivan in Milwaukee and asked the Harbor Commission to consider reserving a spot for the tall vessel, most likely at the pump-out station/floating dock location. He noted the item would probably come up for action at the May meeting, and he asked the Commission to defer the item and reserve that location for the Denis Sullivan use.

Motion made by Herrmann, seconded by Monroe to defer the item and reserve the location at the pump-out station/floating dock area for the Denis Sullivan. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

4. Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol Report

Sgt. Halliday noted the floating docks were in, and also noted the remaining bridge markers could be installed next week. He asked Secretary Rooney to coordinate DPW with Water Patrol for their installation.

Secretary Rooney noted the State Street bridge would be fully operational 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week starting Sunday, May 1, 2011. He also reported the amount of moorings and dinghy racks that have been rented to date, and noted it would be an appropriate time to consider expansion of the dinghy racks seeing that racks are full and they had to turn away a potential renter.

5. Canoe Event for Root River - Island Park to Rooney Recreation Area

Supervisor Monte Osterman appeared before the Commission and noted this event was scheduled for May 21, 2011 and was to start at 10:00 A.M. in Island Park. He noted the group would be launching canoes from the canoe ramp at that location and paddling down the river to the Rooney Recreational area. He noted this event would be able to celebrate some of the restoration done by the watershed initiative from Root-Pike WIN. He asked permission to use the sand ramp in the Rooney Recreational area and for parking lot use.

Secretary Rooney noted the parking lot was under the purview of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, and he would contact Jack Schumann for that.

Sgt. Halliday also inquired about the use of personal flotation devices.

Supervisors Osterman noted those would be required, and the group would receive the assistance of the Sheriff's Department and the Racine Fire Department to be on hand for safety.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Herrmann, seconded by Monroe to approve permission to use the sand ramp and floating dock at Rooney Recreational area on May 21, 2011. Passed unanimously.

6. Park, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Report

Secretary Rooney indicated there was no report to be submitted.

7. City/County Partnership for Harbor Maintenance

Tony Herrmann noted no report was to be given at this time.

8. U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Lake Level Bulletin for April 2011

Secretary Rooney submitted the Lake Level Bulletin for April 2011 and noted this was information only and no action was required.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next Harbor Commission meeting will be May 19, 2011 at 4:00 P.M. at the Racine Yacht Club - 1 Barker Street.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

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