



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Board of Harbor Commission

Thursday, June 18, 2026

3:00 PM

Racine Yacht Club

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

Present: John Bertermann, Jim Poplawski – Chair, and Lynn Monroe

Excused: Sean Fox – Vice Chair, Dan Strommen and Alder – David Maack

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

Staff Not Present: Jason Seyferth – Harbor Tenders

Reoccurring and Guest Present: Charlie Manning and Dave Shiel – Lake Shore Towers

Approval of Minutes for the May 21, 2026 Meeting

Minutes of the May 21, 2026 meeting were approved.

Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol Report:

Deputy Jerome Hipper from the Sheriff's Dept. stated that piers and channel markers are almost all in the water.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Report: South Shore Repairs

Matt Koepnick stated that the launch piers at the 6th Street launch are now correctly positioned. He also mentioned that he applied for a grant to replace those piers in the near future. He was also looking at the possibilities for matching the grant money – either out of the RHC or out of his budget. The RPD has been down to the area and actually issued tickets for illegally parked cars in the launch area. The handicap lift is not installed yet. The water level is up from previous year and is trending up.

Old Business:

Winter damage to recreational docks.

Jason Seyferth fixed the damaged steel plate on the Pugh Rec pier. He will be replacing deck boards as needed.

Dredging and piling upstream of State Street Bridge.

Ara Molitor is still looking into this- nothing to report at this time.

State Street Bridge Repairs (Structural).

The design of the structural repairs is in the process, and construction will take place in 2027. It will include a partial river closure during the off season.

State Street Bridge Repairs (Old Abutment).

The City is getting a proposal from their structural engineering firm to repair the old abutment along the west side of the State street bridge – Harbor Lite Yacht area. This will not be done in conjunction with the structural repairs.

New Business:

Nothing reported this month.

Next Meeting Date: July 16, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. - Harbor Lite Yacht Club

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.