



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Board of Harbor Commission

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

Thursday, July 22, 2010

4:00 PM

Racine Yacht Club - 1 Barker Street

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: 5 - Lynn Monroe, Timothy Hyland, Richard Hynek, Sherman Foertsch and Tom Ryan

EXCUSED: 2 - Jeff Raffini and James Rooney

Also Present: John Rooney, Sgt. Halliday

2. Approval of Minutes for the June 17, 2010 Meeting

The minutes were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

3. Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol Report

Sgt. Halliday indicated there was no valid complaint for the July 14, 2010 incident of a missing child near Sam Myers Park. He said to date he has been called to over 30 vessels in distress. He noted 18 citations have been written for boating violations. He also noted there have been 6 boats run aground and 2 have overturned. He noted there were no issues to report with Salmon-A-Rama and he also noted they would be on their regular schedule until Labor Day.

4. Park, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Report

John Rooney submitted a financial report from Park, Recreation and Cultural Services totaling the daily and seasonal launch tickets sold. He noted as of July 14, 2010, receipts are in the amount of \$19,694.55.

It was noted by Richard Hynek that did not include any receipts from the Salmon-A-Rama fishing contest.

5. City/County Partnership for Harbor Maintenance

Tony Herrmann noted no meetings with the County have been held since the last

Harbor Commission meeting. He noted he and Jim Rooney were going to make a presentation to the County Public Safety Committee in August. He noted it would emphasize on training and staffing for 2011. He also noted it appears that candidates for Sheriff will be holding a forum. Tony Herrmann noted he and Jim Rooney would attend those forums to determine which candidates are supporting the water patrol effort.

6. Wind Point Lighthouse Issues

Tony Herrmann read a letter from the U. S. Coast Guard acknowledging the problems that exist with the light. He discussed his conference call of June 21, 2010, with Sgt. Halliday, Jim Rooney, and Coast Guard officials. He did note they agreed on three operational requirements for the new light that will be installed. Tony Herrmann expressed his confidence in the discussions that changes will hopefully be made by next spring. He noted the Coast Guard inquired about conducting a public meeting regarding the issue and also noted they have three units in inventory that have similar components to the light needed at the Wind Point Lighthouse.

7. [10-5315](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Director of Public Works/Engineering requesting permission to accept the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Recreational Boating Facilities Grant Award, RBF-1318 in the amount of \$163.00.

Recommendation: Accept the \$163.00 and deposit it into Account 215.001.6820, Navigational Aids.

Fiscal Note: The Harbor Commission will receive \$163.00 in revenue for navigational aids.

John Rooney noted that a grant application was made to the DNR under the RBF Recreational Boating Facilities Grant Award Program. He noted this was a 50/50 reimbursement program for miscellaneous navigational aides. He noted the DNR provided 50/50 grant award in the amount of \$163.00 and asked the Harbor Commission accept the grant and it be deposited in the appropriate account.

Motion made by Foertsch, seconded by Herrmann to accept the \$163.00 and deposit into the appropriate Harbor Commission revenue account. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

8. Venetian Night

Sgt. Halliday noted there was some discussion about resurrecting this event. He has not heard anything to date, and neither has Chairman Rooney, according to Sgt. Halliday.

9. U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Lake Level Bulletin for July 2010

Secretary Rooney distributed the July 2010 Lake Level Bulletin report. It was information only and no action was required.

10. Next Meeting Date

The next Harbor Commission meeting will be August 19, 2010 at 4:00 PM at the Fifth

Street Yacht Club - 761 Marquette St.

Tony Hermann asked that the issue of the law suit against the State of Illinois regarding Asian Carp be added to the agenda.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

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