



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Board of Harbor Commission

Thursday, May 21, 2026

3:00 PM

Fifth St. Yacht Club

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Sean Fox – Vice Chair, Jim Poplawski – Chair, Lynn Monroe and Dan Strommen

Excused: John Bertermann and Alder – David Maack

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

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

Reoccurring and Guest Present: Kurt Wentorf, Charlie Manning, Mark Hansen and Paul Garcia.

Approval of Minutes for the April 16, 2026 Meeting.

Minutes of the April 16, 2026 were approved.

Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol Report:

Deputy Jerome Hipper from the Sheriff's Dept. stated that both boats are in the water. He also mentioned that they were working on repairing their pier in the small boat launch area.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Report:

Matt Koepnick was not present for the meeting to give an update.

Old Business:

Winter damage to recreational docks.

Jason Seyferth is working on repairing the piers which were reported to be almost completed. The main thing that has not been fixed is the metal transitional plate at the Pugh Recreational pier still needs to be repaired/replaced.

Gating the 5th Street Small Craft Launch – lot: Parks Dept.

No report – this was not in the 2026 CIP Budget for the City so there will be nothing completed this year.

South Shore Repairs: Parks Dept.

No report – this was not in the 2026 CIP Budget for the City so there will be nothing completed this year.

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 & Old Abutment).

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.

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:

Two guests mention that the Harbour Tenders have not placed the River Markers and the moorings yet (Mark Hansen & Paul Garcia). Since the meeting, Jason Seyferth stated that he has gotten a new boat and is transferring equipment to that boat to get those assets in the water and located properly. He will also be diving to reinstate the missing mooring locations as best as possible. Some have been missing for years.

Next Meeting Date: June 18, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. - Racine Yacht Club

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.