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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Board of Harbor Commission

Thursday, March 20, 2025

3:00 PM

Racine Yacht Club

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

Present: Sean Fox, Dan Strommen, Jim Poplawski, John Bertermann, Deputy Jerome Hipper – Racine County Sheriff's Dept., and Ara Molitor – Secretary.

Excused: Jim C. Rooney – Chair (Outgoing), Rick Hennig – Vice Chair, Kurt Wentorf, Lynn Monroe, Ben Haas - County Parks Dept., Tom Molbeck – Director Racine Parks & Rec., Jason Seyferth – Harbor Tenders Alder – David Maack and James Rooney – HCE,

Guest(s) Present: Gary Anders and Amy Cermak (+ one).

Approval of Minutes for the November 21, 2024 Meeting

Minutes of the November 21, 2024, were approved as printed.

Nominations for new Officers of the Committee:

Due to key personal absences this item was tabled until the April Meeting.

Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol Report:

Deputy Jerome Hipper from the Sheriff's Dept. stated that boats will be in the water next week and the pier and docks are scheduled for the week of 3/31/25. Not all of the RHC piers were removed from the water – just one section. The other sections were tethered to a pole within the Reefpoint Marina area. Some of them that were removed were damaged and are being cleaned and assessed for repairs By Jason (Harbor Tender). The 5th Street Launch area docks/Piers were also all removed and stored in the launch parking lot (County responsibility). They were also damaged in the process of getting them out of the water.

Gary Anders also stated that he would like to see at least the western edge of the basin piers be installed for the season to accommodate boaters that are waiting to get their boats in or out.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Report:

Tom Molbeck was not present for the meeting to give an update. A couple of concerns were brought up in comments; repair of the south shoreline which affects parking for

the boating and Salmon Arama, also the gating of the small boat launch.

Old Business:

Infrastructure Report:

Concerns for the North Pier Repairs and what are the County's plans for Phase II repairs. This committee is willing to do whatever they can to obtain Wisconsin Waterways' money to assist in funding.

Floating dock deck board replacement:

Jason Seyferth (Harbor Tender) will be assessing the 3 piers of concern for the committee for damage and repairs in addition to the cleaning / power washing that he currently is conducting.

Dock & Pier Winter Storage:

In the fall of 2024 we coordinated to get all the docks/piers out of the water and cleaned off and repaired if need be. It did not go as we hoped, but we do know that next winter we cannot do the same and other arrangements will need to be considered and ironed out. The water movers installed for the Pump-Out Station docks worked well and may be considered for the Pugh and Rooney Recreational area piers going forward.

New Business:

Makeup of the Commission:

The membership of the commission will need to be addressed in the coming months. There will need to be discussions with the County and the City as to the Harbor commission members and the eligibility of those appointed by each governing body. Chairman Rooney has stated that he is resigning his position, and a new board will need to be nominated at the next meeting in April.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, April 17, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. - Harbor Lite Yacht Club

Adjournment

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