



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Board of Harbor Commission

Thursday, April 16, 2015

4:00 PM

Harbor Lite Yacht Club - 559 State St.

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 P.M.

Present: James Rooney, Mike Fox, Tom Ryan, Richard Hynek, Lynn Monroe, Tony Herrmann, Sherman Foertsch

Also Present: John Rooney, Tom Eeg, Sgt. Dan Hogan, Monte Osterman, Carrie (Reef Point Marina)

Excused: Bill Halliday, Tom Molbeck

2. Approval of Minutes for the March 19, 2015 Meeting

The minutes of the March 19, 2015 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

3. [14-10841](#)

Subject: Communication from Mark Veenstra requesting slip use for the restroom and shower facilities along Gaslight Pointe.

Recommendation of the Board of Harbor Commission on 02-19-15: Defer

Recommendation of the Board of Harbor Commission on 03-19-15: Defer

Recommendation of the Board of Harbor Commission on 04-16-15: Defer

Chairman Rooney noted this item should be deferred, as he has not heard back from Mark Veenstra.

Secretary Rooney noted he did check with the Building Department, and if this restroom and shower facility was to be built, it would need Building Department approval with Downtown Design Review.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Herrmann, seconded by Monroe to defer. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

4. Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol Report

Sgt. Hogan noted that on Monday and Tuesday of April 20 & 21, 2015, the remaining

floating docks will be installed over in the small boat basin and Rooney Recreational Area. He noted at this time, the docks by the pump-out station and the Pugh Recreational Area are in.

Chairman Rooney noted that there are issues with the dock section at the Rooney Recreational Area, near the sand ramp, that experienced problems last year. He recommended to the Harbor Commission that the Secretary contact Port-A-Pier to have this section looked at to be replaced. He asked for a motion to authorize the Secretary to procure another pier section, as needed, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$15,000. He noted there is adequate funding available in reserves.

Motion made by Fox, seconded by Foertsch to authorize the Secretary to purchase the pier. Passed unanimously.

5. Park, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Report

There was no report filed, and Secretary Rooney noted there would be no revenue reports for April or most of May because the boat launch is being operated free due to the inconvenience of the parking lot reconstruction.

Chairman Rooney thought a rededication ceremony should be put together when the lot is complete. He noted there has been nearly \$1,000,000 spent at that facility with upgrading the boat launch and parking lot, the washdown station and the bioswale.

Chairman Rooney also inquired about the flag pole that was removed during the dredging project.

Secretary Rooney noted he would contact the Parks Department to see if the pole is in good condition and if it could be relocated to one of the new islands put into the parking lot.

Mike Fox also noted Chuck Recupero of the Parks Department contacted him to do some cleanup around the dinghy and kayak sand ramp area and the landscaping bed that was constructed by the Harbor Commission a few years back.

6. 5th Street Boat Ramp/Basin Discussion

Secretary Rooney provided an update and noted that milling has been completed and grading of the lot is occurring at this time for the islands, as well as the bioswale. He noted electrical conduits are being placed this week. Scheduled next week is curb and gutter work in the area and tentatively paving of the parking lot is being scheduled for May 15th.

7. Racine Recreational Harbor Dredge Project & Containment Structure

Secretary Rooney noted that the work by Racine County should be completed today with removing the piles in the Belle Harbor area and the tug, barge and scow should be moving out of the Racine area by Friday, April 17, 2015.

Chairman Rooney noted that he appeared before the Racine County Public Works Committee, with Tony Herrmann, to discuss a dredge survey of the harbor area and Root River and ways to fund that project with monies from the Fund for Lake Michigan. He noted he would shortly be setting up a meeting with the Mayor and City Administrator to also discuss what was talked about at the Racine County Public Works meeting.

8. U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Lake Level Bulletin for April 2015

Secretary Rooney distributed the report and noted the water elevation is about 21 inches higher than it was at this time last year.

9. State Street and Main Street Bridge Updates

Tom Eeg appeared before the Harbor Commission to seek permission to close the State Street Bridge from Tuesday, April 21, 2015 through Monday, April 27, 2015 for repairs to a hatch on the leaf of the bridge. He asked permission from the Harbor Commission to close the bridge to mariners at this time.

Motion made by Hynek, seconded by Fox to approve.

Tom Eeg described the repair to the Main Street Bridge for the tiplock. That bridge would be shutdown from April 27, 2015 to May 1, 2015. He noted this bridge would be open to mariners with 2-hour notice to open a single leaf, or 12-hour notice to open both leafs of the bridge. He asked for approval from the Harbor Commission so he could notify the US Coast Guard.

Motion made by Hynek, seconded by Fox to approve.

Monte Osterman appeared before the Harbor Commission to notify them of a canoe/kayak event starting at 2:00 P.M at River Bend to 5:00 P.M. at Racine Yacht Club and noted the Sheriff's Water Patrol would be present if needed.

Chairman Rooney notified the Harbor Commission that Racine County Executive Elect, Jonathan Delagrave, will recommend appointment of David Strommen, a City resident and member of the Fifth Street Yacht Club to the Mayor for approval.

10. Next Meeting Date - May 21, 2015 at 4:00 P.M. - Racine Yacht Club, 1 Barker St.**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

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