



City of Racine

City Hall
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Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Harbor Commission

Sherman Foertsch

Tom Ryan

Michael Fox

Tony Herrmann

Richard Hynek

James Rooney

Lynn Monroe

Dan Strommen

Tracey Larrin

Thursday, October 20, 2016

4:00 PM

Harbor Lite Yacht Club - 559 State St.

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 P.M.

Present: Sherman Foertsch, Tom Ryan, Richard Hynek, James Rooney, Lynn Monroe, Tony Herrmann, Dan Strommen

Excused: Mike Fox, Alderwoman Tracey Larrin

Also Present: John Rooney, Sgt. Dan Hogan, Jim Poplawski

Excused: Bill Halliday, Tom Molbeck

Approval of Minutes for the September 15, 2016 Meeting

The minutes of the September 15, 2016 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol Report

Sgt. Hogan indicated the west piers, along Festival Hall, had been removed for the storm sewer project as requested by the Secretary of the Harbor Commission. He noted in the first week of November, the floating docks would be removed in the Pugh and Rooney Recreational Areas as well as the pump-out station and the remainder of the small boat basin.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Report

Secretary Rooney distributed the revenue report. He noted that \$32,084.00 has been collected through September and indicated \$23,024.00 of that total was from daily passes sold at the kiosk. He reminded the Commission that half of the proceeds from the boat launch goes to the Harbor Commission to fund projects.

Fund For Lake Michigan - Proposal for Racine County Harbor Monitoring

Chairman Rooney noted he had spoken with the Racine County Chief of Staff who told him the survey for the harbor and river would most likely take place in the spring.

He indicated there was some delay in getting a contractor secured by the County to do the hydrographic survey work.

2016 Harbor Commission Improvements - ADA Modifications to Pugh Floating Dock

Secretary Rooney noted applications were due November 1, 2016 and whose would be submitted to the DNR.

Chairman Rooney wanted to make sure the Parks Department was adequately funding both improvements at Pugh Recreational Area and the Fifth Street Boat Launch. He asked the Secretary to contact the Director of Parks and make sure funding was being made available for 2017.

Racine Harbor & Root River Water Quality Issues

Tony Herrmann commented about the commentary that was in the paper by The Journal Times on October 19, 2016. He noted they should have been more vocal during the water diversion from Lake Michigan to Waukesha. He asked that Cory Mason be invited to the meeting in November, seeing that the elections would be over by then.

U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Lake Level Bulletin for October 2016

Secretary Rooney was distributed. It was information only.

Chairman Rooney asked that the City Administrator be invited to the next Harbor Commission meeting and to put an item on the state of disrepair along the former Azarian Marina. He would like to get clarification of ownership of those slips, slip fees and what is going to be done to the piers that are in disrepair. There are major concerns from the Harbor Commission that those piers may break loose during the winter months when the river ices over due to lack of maintenance and become hazards to navigation.

Also Jim Poplawski was in attendance at the meeting and would like to be included in the mailings for future Harbor Commission meetings.

Next Meeting Date - November 17, 2016 at 4:00 P.M. - Racine Yacht Club, 1 Barker St.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 P.M.

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