



City of Racine

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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, April 20, 2017

4:00 PM

Harbor Lite Yacht Club - 559 State St.

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 P.M.

PRESENT: 8 - Sherman Foertsch, Tom Ryan, Tony Herrmann, Richard Hynek, James Rooney, Lynn Monroe, Dan Strommen and Tracey Larrin

EXCUSED: 1 - Michael Fox

Also Present: John Rooney, Sgt. Dan Hogan, Tom Molbeck

Approval of Minutes for the March 23, 2017 Meeting

The minutes of the March 23, 2017 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol Report

Sgt. Hogan appeared before the Harbor Commission and noted that all piers are in with the exception of Pugh Recreational Area. He noted those piers are tied up on the south side of the Root River downstream of the Main Street Bridge. He also noted the bridge markers will be going up soon from DPW and channel markers have not yet been put in place. Sgt. Hogan also noted a new Captain has been placed in charge of the Sheriff's Water Patrol and visited the office at Reefpoint Marina. He noted the Captain wants to upgrade the office and is very interested in the water patrol program.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Report

Tom Molbeck appeared before the Harbor Commission and informed the members the piers have been installed at the Fifth Street Boat Launch Ramp. He noted the first lane for handicap access is not in, as that is being modified with the ADA chair lift. He also indicated the Mobimat for the canoe/kayak/dinghy sand ramp area has been delivered to the City.

Chairman Rooney asked that Mike Fox, from the Harbor Commission, be present

when that is installed.

Tom Molbeck also spoke of the north beach master plan being prepared by SmithGroupJJR. He noted the plan was due in October and that he had met with officials of the Harbor Commission to discuss what is to be included in the plan, including the Coast Guard Station and possible future confinement area for future dredging of the Racine Harbor.

Azarian Site Repair

Secretary Rooney noted he was in a meeting with Amy Connolly, City Development Director, and others regarding Machinery Row. He noted there was a discussion on moving forward with part of the park plans and parkway for that project. Included in that would be the promenade along that area which would require a new bulkhead wall.

Secretary Rooney noted he explained to Amy Connolly and the group that the existing dockage system that is in disrepair is going to be ordered to be removed by the Racine Harbor Commission. He further commented now that the City Administrator will be starting on April 24th, he would facilitate a meeting between the City Administrator and the Harbor Commission chair to discuss this item prior to the next Harbor Commission meeting and invite the City Administrator to that meeting.

Fund For Lake Michigan - Proposal for Racine County Harbor Monitoring

Chairman Rooney noted in the legal notices in The Journal Times on April 20, 2017, there was a first advertisement for the Racine County RFQ for the bathymetric survey. He noted the RFQ's are due May 3rd. He noted the legal notice seemed a little vague as it did not seem to mention Root River Bathymetric Survey. However, he did contact the Racine County Executive's Office and was informed it is included in the request.

Harbor Commission Improvements - ADA Kayak Launch at Pugh Recreational Area and ADA Lift Chair Improvement to 5th Street Boat Launch Pier

Secretary Rooney noted the floating docks were picked up on April 6th by Port-A-Pier and they are at their shop in Manitowoc being updated. He indicated an invoice was received for 40% of the work. He told the Harbor Commission members he would get a status update on the two ADA modifications for the next Harbor Commission meeting.

Racine Harbor & Root River Water Quality Issues

Tony Herrmann discussed the issue regarding the disposition of the Horlick Dam and Root River water quality issues associated to it. He believes the Racine Harbor Commission should make an endorsement of one of the alternatives shown in the SEWRPC report.

Chairman Rooney asked if all members had received the information distributed with the minutes and indicated that a group should get together to discuss the endorsement and that should be considered at the next meeting.

U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Lake Level Bulletin for April 2017

The information was distributed and was information only. No action was required.

Next Meeting Date - May 11, 2017 at 4:00 P.M. - Fifth St. Yacht Club - 761 Marquette St.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 P.M.

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