



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
Alderman Tracey Larrin*

Thursday, August 17, 2017

3:30 PM

Racine Yacht Club - 1 Barker St.

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M.

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

EXCUSED: 1 - Richard Hynek

Also Present: John Rooney, Bob Michiels, Bob Sample

Excused: Sgt. Hogan, Tom Molbeck

Approval of Minutes for the July 20, 2017 Meeting

The minutes of the July 20, 2017 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol Report

Sgt. Hogan was on vacation, no report given.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Report

Secretary Rooney distributed the revenue report through July and noted that to date \$22,025 in launch fees have been received. Of those \$12,234.00 were daily passes.

Request from Bob Sample to do dock improvements for the Youth Sailing Program near Racine Yacht Club and Rooney Recreation Area

Bob Sample appeared before the Harbor Commission and explained a project to put in docks parallel to the shore between the Seascout ramp and the RYC dock.

Chairman Rooney requested that a plan be submitted to the Harbor Commission for review and approval.

After further discussion, this item was deferred until the next meeting.

Azarian Site Repair

Secretary Rooney noted that an Official Notice has been advertised for the removal of steel dock piles and mooring piles along with removal of the piers from 4th Street all the way up to Marquette Street on the right-side of the river going downstream. He noted this was all the property acquired by the City for the Machinery Row Project. He also noted, included in that Official Notice were the handful of piles and dockage at the foot of Superior Street, just downstream of Fifth Street Yacht Club. He noted a walk-through was provided to interested contractors to view the work prior to bidding. The bids are going to be received by the Purchasing Agent on Wednesday, August 23rd. He distributed a copy of the Official Notice and addendum which showed options for removing the pilings by either full extraction that would require turbidity barrier or bubble curtain per the DNR or the dock piles and mooring piles could be sawed off by divers under water at the sediment line which requires no water quality devices. He noted an addendum was created to handle a special lump sum price to remove the travel lift section by the old Azarian Marina. He informed the Harbor Commission he would share those bid results with the Chairman after they are received and those would be going to the Public Works and Services Committee for approval on August 29th and for full Council approval on September 5th. He further noted he would update the Commission next month with those bid results and which option the City of Racine elected for removal of the piles.

Fund For Lake Michigan - Proposal for Racine County Harbor Monitoring

Chairman Rooney informed the Harbor Commission he has a meeting with the County Executive on August 23rd to discuss this proposal and would report back to the Harbor Commission in September.

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

Secretary Rooney informed the Harbor Commission the project is essentially complete and the City has filed for reimbursement from WisDNR for funds from the two RBF grants that were used to fund the project. He also noted that a press release was put together by himself and Tom Molbeck and was sent to The Journal Times the first full week of August for publication in the paper and distributed both.

There was some discussion with the Harbor Commission members regarding some outstanding issues.

Mike Fox noted that four cleats should be added to the new dock with the chair lift. He indicated no cleats exist on that dock for tying up a boat and they need to be added. He suggested getting a hold of the Parks Department for installation.

It was also mentioned that a sign by DPW was not installed reiterating instructions for the chair lift that are currently on the chair lift itself. In addition, the Harbor Commission wanted an update by Port-A-Pier as to some of the spare parts that were going to be ordered and the addition of wheels for the floating dock for easy removal in the fall and replacement in the spring.

Lastly, the Harbor Commission asked the Secretary to follow-up with RPD to see if they are interested in installing a camera system down there to monitor the chair lift and boat launch area in general.

Chris Stroupe, Salmon Unlimited, appeared before the Harbor Commission and noted they would be providing some floatation devices along Pershing Park and perhaps the breakwater. He described the floatation devices with a tether on for emergency situations.

Chairman Rooney noted in the past on similar requests, the Corporation Council found anyone providing emergency items, such as a floatation device, needs to make sure they are always maintained or they could become liable.

Racine Harbor & Root River Water Quality Issues

Tony Herrmann read some information that he had regarding the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence settlement that was agreed to by former Mayor John Dickert, who is now the Executive Director. He expressed his frustration with former Mayor Dickert for not contacting Rep. Cory Mason or members of the Harbor Commission prior to settlement. He believed the action by the Executive Director is completely contradictory to his position when he was Mayor, particularly to the February 27, 2017 DNR meeting at Carroll College. He noted he would be providing Nancy Payne to include an item in the distribution of these minutes regarding his concern.

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

Secretary Rooney distributed the Lake Level Bulletin. This was information only and no action was required.

Next Meeting Date - September 21, 2017 at 4:00 P.M. - Fifth St. Yacht Club, 761 Marquette St.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 P.M.

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