



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Harbor Commission

Thursday, June 21, 2018

3:30 PM

Racine Yacht Club - 1 Barker St.

Call To Order

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

Present: Tom Ryan, Richard Hynek, James Rooney, Lynn Monroe, Tony Herrmann, Dan Strommen, Alderwoman Tracey Larrin

Excused: Mike Fox, Sherman Foertsch

Also Present: John Rooney, Sgt. Dan Hogan

Excused: Tom Molbeck

Approval of Minutes for the May 24, 2018 Meeting

The minutes of the May 24, 2018 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol Report

Sgt. Hogan appeared before the Commission and indicated there were no real unusual circumstances out on the water to report; however, they did have a call for a person in the water in the Root River near Pugh Marina's slip 265. He indicated a 68 year-old male had fallen into the water and could not get back into the boat. They were called and dispatched to the location. At the time they arrived, this person was pulled out of the water after spending 5 - 10 minutes in the water. The person told the Sheriff's Water Patrol that thankfully someone was there because he was not a good swimmer and didn't think he could hang on much longer.

Sgt. Hogan noted the person did not have a life vest on and encouraged this person to do so. He noted the person seemed to be okay after spending time with him and no rescue squad was required.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Report

Secretary Rooney went over the revenue through the end of May and noted there was \$10,379.89 in receipts. He noted of that, \$4,254 was from daily passes sold at the kiosk.

Secretary Rooney noted he spoke with Tom Molbeck regarding the summer help needed at the 5th Street Boat Launch for the kiosk, launch piers, ADA chair lift and the washdown station. He informed the Commission that Tom Molbeck had made an agreement with the DRC to use the student summer ambassadors to take care of this area and he informed the Commission the training was starting on Monday, June 18th.

There was a question about the days of service for the ambassadors working in the area. Secretary Rooney noted he understood the ambassadors would be working on Saturday, Sunday and he believes Wednesdays.

Sgt. Hogan noted that Friday afternoons are usually more busy than any other week day and suggested the Parks Department review peak activity from the kiosk as to when boaters use that facility during week days.

Fund For Lake Michigan - Proposal for Racine County Harbor Monitoring

Chairman Rooney indicated there was no additional information at this time. He informed the Commission a proposal is being prepared by Racine County for State Waterways Commission consideration in August in Wausau at their next meeting. He noted this would be for funding for the north breakwater project.

Racine Harbor & Root River Water Quality Issues

Tony Herrmann asked that this item be deferred for discussion until the next meeting.

Reef Lighthouse

Tony Herrmann indicated he has received a response from the Chief of Staff of U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin regarding this issue. He is hoping this begins to get some traction for discussion with the U.S. Coast Guard and Army Corps of Engineers. He also informed the Commission that Dave Blank of Real Racine was going to be providing an economic impact statement for Racine County based on mariner's coming to Racine recreational harbor to dock. He noted the impact is in excess of \$30 million a year for the various businesses and marinas that support boaters and need to have safe navigation past the Reef Lighthouse to enter the Racine recreational harbor. He noted when he has that letter in final draft form he will have it distributed to members. He did also note that Harbor Lite Yacht Club is involved in a e-mail blast to these government officials regarding the issue of the Reef Lighthouse. He also noted 5th Street Yacht Club is involved and he is looking to Racine Yacht Club, the various marinas and the sailing foundation to also start a massive e-mail campaign to encourage movement on this issue of the Reef Lighthouse to repair.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lake Level Bulletin for June 2018

Secretary Rooney distributed the information and noted it was information only.

Tony Herrmann gave the Secretary a Great Lakes Bulletin that usually is published annually. He asked Secretary Rooney to have copies made and distributed with the minutes.

Next Meeting Date - July 19, 2018 at 3:30 P.M. - Harbor Lite Yacht Club, 559 State St.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 P.M.

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