



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Harbor Commission

Thursday, April 18, 2019

3:00 PM

Harbor Lite Yacht Club - 559 State St.

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m.

Present: Mike Fox, Sherman Foertsch, Tom Ryan, James Rooney, Lynn Monroe, Tony Herrmann, Dan Strommen, Alder Tracey Larrin

Excused: Richard Hynek

Also Present: John Rooney, Jim Poplawski

Excused: Sgt. Dan Hogan, Tom Molbeck

Approval of Minutes for the March 21, 2019 Meeting

The minutes of the March 21, 2019, meeting were approved as printed.

Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol Report

Sgt. Hogan could not appear before the Commission.

Mike Fox indicated that he believes all work has been done for the floating dock systems by the Sheriff's Water Patrol.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Report

Secretary Rooney distributed the revenue report. To date, he noted through March 31, 2019, just under \$1,700 has been collected in season passes.

He also distributed an e-mail from Director Molbeck that the launch fees that were to be increased for 2019 and were discussed at a previous Harbor Commission meeting, have been returned to the 2018 fees at the request of the Mayor. Secretary Rooney distributed the e-mail with the rates for the various size boats for resident and non-resident use.

Secretary Rooney also noted the @ North Beach project to be built on the former Walker site includes full access to the Pugh Recreational Area. He noted that Hamilton Street will be extended into the property and connected to an improved Reichert Court on the project. He noted the pathway that connects Rooney Recreational Area with Pugh Recreational Area will be maintained. He did note however, that with the design submitted, the right-angle parking for Pugh Recreational Area will be eliminated. He noted the new roadway configuration included parallel

parking immediately in front of Pugh Recreational Area with additional angle parking a few hundred feet to the west.

Reef Lighthouse

Tony Herrmann gave an update on the issues surrounding the Reef Lighthouse. He shared with the Commission a letter he had received from Wisconsin's 1st District Congressman Bryan Steil. Congressman Steil indicated he would try to assist in contacting the USCG officials on behalf of Tony Herrmann and the Harbor Commission. Tony noted that as part of the response from Congressman Steil's office, he needs to fill out a Privacy Act Release/Casework Request Form to complete the request. Tony gave a copy of the letter to the Secretary of the Commission for distribution with the minutes and noted he would pick up the letter and release request form and get that to Congressman's Steil's office as soon as possible.

There was also discussion about the potential of \$300 million being released in the budget to the Great Lakes and the hope was that some of that money could be allocated for a permanent solution to the Reef Lighthouse.

Chairman Rooney also noted that in an April 13, 2019, Racine Journal Times article, it was noted the Mayor expressed that there were some potential vacancies on some commissions and boards. He asked the Secretary of the Harbor Commission to send a memo to the Mayor and City Clerk indicating that all members, whose terms are expiring on April 30th, wish to be re-appointed for their next term.

Lynn Monroe commented that Racine Riverside Marina would be having an open house on April 27 & 28, 2019, and invited all those present to attend.

Mike Fox asked that at next month's meeting an account of expenses and revenues be prepared for the Harbor Commission's review.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lake Level Bulletin for April 2019

Secretary Rooney distributed the report and noted the 2019 Lake Level is about 10 inches underneath the all-time high reached in 1986 and is 4 inches higher than it was at this time last year. This is information only and no action was required.

Next Meeting Date - May 23, 2019 at 3:00 P.M. - Racine Yacht Club, 1 Barker St.

The next meeting date has been changed to May 23, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. at the Racine Yacht Club.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.