



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Harbor Commission

Thursday, June 20, 2019

3:00 PM

Fifth St. Yacht Club - 761 Marquette St.

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

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

Excused: Lynn Monroe

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

Approval of Minutes for the May 23, 2019 Meeting

The minutes of the May 23, 2019 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol Report

Sgt. Hogan noted there's little boating activity due to the weather. He did note they have been retrieving some logs and other floating debris near Racine Yacht Club as requested. He noted, however, some of it is embedded on the shore and will have to be taken care of by the Racine Yacht Club as they are the property owner. He noted he had been approached by a company named Towboat Express. Towboat Express indicated they would prefer to do salvage and tows from boaters in distress. Sgt. Hogan noted that Towboat Express indicated that government agencies could not do work that private agencies can provide. Sgt. Hogan referred the information to the County's Corporation Counsel and will have no further discussions with this company. He also noted that some buoys were purchased from Rolyan and that order is in.

Secretary Rooney distributed the order acknowledgement and asked the Harbor Commission if they would like to seek 50% reimbursement from the Wisconsin Waterways Commission as a navigation aide.

Chairman Rooney asked for that to be done.

A discussion ensued on the Pugh and Rooney docks as it relates to the high water.

Sgt. Hogan noted there was some confusion on which piers were under Harbor Commission jurisdiction and which piers were that of Racine Yacht Club as perceived by Dave Prott of Racine County. After further discussion that issue was cleared up.

Chairman Rooney asked both Sgt. Hogan and Secretary Rooney to check with Racine County Public Works and Racine Parks Department, respectively, to find additional

dock units and spud piles as Port-A-Pier would like to come in soon to take care of adjustments on those piers.

Secretary Rooney noted if those sections and extra spud piles cannot be located, these should be purchased by Port-A-Pier as the Harbor Commission did give authorization for those expenses.

Sgt. Hogan noted that Dave Prott, from Racine County, wasn't sure when the County could come to assist in moving the floating docks.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Report

Secretary Rooney distributed the boat launch sales report and noted that \$8,300.99 of revenue has been reported through the month of May. Of that, just over \$2,800 was from daily passes sold at the kiosk and the remaining was from season passes.

Reef Lighthouse

Tony Herrmann noted that he continues to try to have contact with Congressman Steil and U.S. Senators Johnson and Baldwin, along with the Mayor and County Executive to continue to press the issue of the state of the Reef Lighthouse. He noted he would update the Harbor Commission with information as he receives it from these various officials.

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

Secretary Rooney distributed the Lake Level Bulletin Report, this was information only and no action was required.

Jim Poplawski was also recognized by the Harbor Commission for the donations made by Salmon Unlimited for life rings being placed at South Pier. Jim also noted they are also looking to do the same at the 5th Street Boat Launch Ramp and eventually at the North Pier once repairs would be made to that breakwater by Racine County.

The Harbor Commission recognized Jim and Salmon Unlimited for their hard work and thanked them.

Next Meeting Date - July 18, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. - Harbor Lite Yacht Club, 559 State St.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

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