



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Harbor Commission

Thursday, September 19, 2019

3:00 PM

Fifth St. Yacht Club - 761 Marquette St.

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

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

Excused: Richard Hynek, Alder Tracey Larrin

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

Excused: Tom Molbeck

Approval of Minutes for the August 15, 2019 Meeting

The minutes of the August 15, 2019 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol Report

Sgt. Dan Hogan appeared before the Commission and noted that full summer operations closed after Labor Day. Currently, they are on a 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. rotating schedule. He said there were no major incidents to report. He did note the U.S. Coast Guard out of Two Rivers indicated a navigation light near the south end of the Racine Yacht Club pier was not functioning.

Secretary Rooney noted this is not one of the navigation aids under the purview of the Harbor Commission.

Sgt. Hogan noted he contacted Charlie Manning from the Racine Yacht Club to have the navigation aid repaired or replaced.

Secretary Rooney also noted the aids to navigation reimbursement was filed with the DNR and he is waiting for that approval to occur.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Report

Secretary Rooney distributed the 2019 Boat Launch Sale Report through August 2019. He noted \$20,772.97 of revenue has been received as of this date, of which \$14,284.00 comes from daily passes sold at the kiosk.

Chairman Rooney expressed concerns on the trend of launching at the boat launch

area.

Secretary Rooney noted he believes this trend has been fairly continuous over the last several years and will submit a revenue report for the last several years at the November meeting as he had done in the previous year for the Harbor Commission to review.

Reef Lighthouse

Tony Herrmann had noted discussions that occurred on August 22, 2019, between himself and Chairman Rooney with Mayor Mason, with the follow-up meeting on September 6, 2019, with Congressman Steil. He noted that meeting lasted approximately 30 minutes. Tony Herrmann distributed correspondence he had shared with both the Mayor and Congressman Steil regarding the issues surrounding the Reef Lighthouse. He noted the next step will be to continue the conversation regarding this important matter with Senator Baldwin and Senator Johnson. He also noted that he and Chairman Rooney would be meeting with County Executive Delagrave to get his support, as well, as they keep pressing this matter to get a proper repair/replacement to the Reef Lighthouse.

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

Secretary Rooney distributed the report. This was information only and no action was required.

Next Meeting Date - October 17, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. - Harbor Lite Yacht Club, 559 State St.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

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