



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Harbor Commission

Thursday, November 19, 2020

3:00 PM

Racine Yacht Club - 1 Barker St.

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

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

Excused: Alder Tracey Larrin

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

It was discussed that Richard Hynek has resigned his position. His position is an appointed position by the County Executive. Jonathan Delagrave will be contacted by the secretary to appoint another representative.

Approval of Minutes for the October 15, 2020 Meeting.

Racine County Sheriff Department Water Patrol Report:

Sergeant Dan Hogan from the Racine County Sheriff's Department, stated that they were now done for the season, it was a rough season with unpredictable circumstances factoring into the season.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Report:

Tom Molbeck did not appear before the Commission. Secretary Rooney went over the revenue report for the 2020 boat launch sales through October 31 of this year. There has been \$44,304.15 of revenue from the boat launch, and of that \$33,937 was collected at the kiosk of daily passes. Secretary Rooney reminded the Harbor Commission that these revenues are shared equally between the Harbor Commission and the Parks Department. The October lake level is reported to be 581.6 feet. This is approximately 2.7 feet above the charted average lake level for October. (Information supplied by Tony Herrmann)

Tony Herrmann brought up the issue to revisit the study completed in 2018; Harbor Monitoring Study Dated 3/28/2018 by TRC, Chicago. In particular, the reports statements concerning the condition and recommendations regarding the north pier of the harbor. Secretary Rooney stated that this an issue that will need to be directed by the County Executive since it is the County that will need to take action to complete repairs on the harbor pier. The commission will address this in the Spring, possibly inviting the County Executive to the February meeting.

Secretary Rooney discussed the request by Amy Cermak - RYC Commodore to use

the public dock located adjacent to Rooney Park from 8/14/21 to 8/23/21 for a racing event hosted by the Racine Yacht Club. Motion was made by Fox and seconded by Monroe and passed unanimously to allow the use of the dock.

Special Dock Usage:

Update on Pump-Out Station (Clean Vessel Act Funding):

Ara Molitor summarized the report regarding the pump out station located west of the Main Street Bridge and on the north side of the River. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources provides grant funding of 75% grant and 25% local match for marine vessel pump out stations. The grant program; Pump Out Station Funding (POSF – formerly called Clean Vessel Act) is a reimbursement type of grant where the local agency will pay for the improvements and request reimbursement from WDNR. The local agency will also need to pass an Authorizing Resolution in support of "Accepting WDNR financial assistance and the terms of the grant program". The replacement of the pump-out station is estimated at: \$12,000 for delivery with installation of the system up to \$1000 that would be required by a local plumbing and mechanical contractor.

Motion was made by Fox and seconded by Herrmann and passed unanimously to direct the City to pursue the grant and to continue to provide this service to the area.

Received cost sharing assistance Wisconsin DNR for navigation buoys:

Secretary Rooney stated that we received reimbursement from the WDNR for this.

Congressional Update on Reef Light House:

Tony Herrmann gave a brief description and stated that he will try and reconnect with government representative to support the rebuilding of the light house.

2021 Board of Harbor Commission:

Secretary Rooney stated that there should be a motion noting the proposed officer changes to the board, the new Chair would be Mike Fox and the new Vice Chair would be Tony Herrmann. James Rooney stated that although he no longer wanted to chair the commission he would like to remain as a voting member of the commission. Tony Herrmann added that James Rooney in recognition for his service on the commission be given the title of Lifetime Honorary Chair. Dan Strommen motioned and Lynn Monroe seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

It was also briefly discussed that Mayor Mason (City of Racine) will need to appoint an Alderman to represent the City on the Commission.

Next Meeting Date

February 18, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.-Racine Yacht Club

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.