



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Harbor Commission

Thursday, June 18, 2020

3:00 PM

Fifth St. Yacht Club - 761 Marquette St.

Call To Order

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

Excused: Tony Herrmann, Richard Hyneck

Approval of Minutes for the October 24, 2019 Meeting

The minutes of the October 24, 2019 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol Report

In the absence of Sergeant Hogan from the Sheriff's Department Secretary Rooney informed the Commission that all of the floating docks had been placed at the Rooney and Pugh Recreational areas, and the pump out station near the Main Street bridge and in the small boat basin by the Fifth Street boat launch ramp.

Secretary Rooney noted that sergeant Hogan had reported several navigation aids that were out of service.

Secretary Rooney noted that he would be ordering those to be replaced and submitted for reimbursement from the DNR

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Report

Tom Molbeck appeared before the Commission. He noted that the concession area and the bathrooms were up and running at the Fifth Street boat launch area, and the kiosk for the transient boaters were working but, they are waiting on an upgrade. He also noted the ADA chair lift has been installed but the boat wash system is down waiting for a new hose system to be installed. He also informed the Harbor Commission that the Ambassadors are not working in that area, since the Laurel Clark Fountain has not been open. He also noted he should have some employees down there periodically checking on things.

John Rooney noted revenue through the month of May was \$10,176.92, of which \$3,937 comes from daily passes sold at the kiosk. He also distributed the boat launch sales for the last 10 years. He noted at its peak in 2011 over \$41,000 in boat launch revenue was reported that has plateaued in 2013-2019 to approximately \$28,000 per year, with the 2 years exceeding \$30,000. He noted in 2019 the total sales from boat launch was \$28,243 and of that \$20,390 was sold at the kiosk for daily passes. He also noted season passes amounted to \$7,853, and that projecting the last 9 years'

data forward he anticipates revenue in 2020 totaling \$26,500 of which \$19,200 would be from season passes.

Special Dock Usage Permit - Hook Race

Ed Palladino appeared before the Harbor Commission and requested permission to use the floating dock near the Rooney Recreational area on Friday July 17th for the weekend. He noted since his letter submittal in January of 2020 they now anticipate 100 sail boats to participate in the race, and also more boats to be participating in the race due to the cancelation of other races such as the Queen's Cup and the Chicago Mack Race. A discussion with Harbor Commission ensued to also permit use of the Pugh Recreational dock as well.

Ed Palladino noted that they would try to accommodate as many transient boaters at the Racine Yacht Club slips and at other marina's as they can, but noted both floating docks could be used in the event of over flow.

A motion was made by Mike Fox and second by Lynn Monroe to approve the request to permit special dock usage for both Rooney Recreational and Pugh Recreational Area docks on Friday July 17, 2020. Passed unanimously.

Reimbursement for Navigation Aids

Secretary Rooney noted that he had ordered items that Sergeant Hogan reported that will no longer function. He noted the Racine Harbor Commission has ordered some float collars for the nun-buoys, slow water green channel buoy markers, and some solar lights for the red 2-mile 60 flash per minute. He noted the cost of the navigation aids is \$1,876.05, and he has subsequently applied for a grant to the Wisconsin DNR for 50% reimbursement.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lake Level Bulletin for June 2020

Secretary Rooney noted that for the month of May the Lake Huron-Michigan level was 581.96, he noted it exceeded the all-time high of 581.63 from 1986 and that the lake level is approximately 4" above the all-time high. This was information only and no action was required.

Next Meeting Date - July 16, 2020 at 3:00 P.M. - Harbor Lite Yacht Club

Motion made by Fox, seconded by Herrmann to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

Adjournment