



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Board of Harbor Commission

Thursday, September 16, 2021

3:00 PM

Racine Yacht Club

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

Present: Tony Herrmann - Chair, Jim C. Rooney – Vice Chair, James Rooney, Rick Hennig, Jim Poplawski, Sherman Foertsch, Alder - Edwin Santiago Jr., Sean Fox, Deputy Nick D. Koldewey in for Sgt. Dan Hogan – Racine County Sheriff's Dept. and Ara Molitor – Secretary.

Excused: Tom Ryan, Lynn Monroe, Dan Strommen, Monte Osterman and Tom Molbeck – Director Racine Parks & Rec.

Approval of Minutes for the August 19, 2021 Meeting

The minutes for the August 19, 2021 were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol Report:

Deputy Nick D. Koldewey reported that the summer was similar to last year with 22 Citations (avg.) boating accidents were actually down.

We had further discussion regarding the "Spot Locking" situation, with no action taken and no clear direction on what the Harbor Commission could legally do. We also discussed the enforcement of the slow – no wake zones and what physical marking needs to be present for the county to enforce that regulation. Can we add a reflective tape sticker to the buoys – the Sheriff Department will check on that for us.

Parks, Recreational and Cultural Services Department Report:

Tom Molbeck was not present, Secretary Molitor reported on the information that he had received regarding lake levels and kiosk reports (Down 1.5 Ft. from last year this time).

On Going Discussions:

- WDNR Issues-Waukesha Diversion of Water Approval:
- Senator Baldwin Infrastructure Reef Project:
- 5th Street Boat Launch metering and or security issues:
- Pump Out Station Grant

WDNR Issues-Waukesha Diversion of Water Approval: Chairman Herrmann gave a quick synopsis of his previous discussion and also stated that any diversion would not start taking place until 2023.

Senator Baldwin Infrastructure Projects: Chairman Herrmann summarized his conversation with the Senator's Office. They feel that the Reef Marker Project and the North Pier Project are both good candidates for Infrastructure Bill. No action taken – monitor for future.

5th Street Launch Metering and/or Security Issues: Secretary Molitor gave a quick overview of his conversations with the Police Department, parking commission and public works. In a nutshell, no one has money in their budget to monitor or secure the parking lot for the 5th Street boat launch. Until the Pershing Drive coastline is repaired, the it will always be a question on where overflow trailer parking can go and how to keep out the non-boating parking traffic.

Pump-Out Station Grant: Secretary Molitor gave a quick update that the grant money is still under review from the DNR. We should hear soon.

New Business:

Vice Chair Rooney brought up the idea of adding a changeable sign to the bottom of the "No Swimming or Diving" that is posted on the west end of North Pier and/or to the "Unsafe for Swimming" posted on the south end of North Beach near the north pier. His proposal would add a changeable number followed by Lives Lost this Season – Dangerous Rip Currents. A possible lower maintenance would be to post the previous season total so it would not need to be changed until the following year. It is assumed that this would need to go before one of the City's committees with an aldermanic sponsor and then on to Common Council for approval. Alder Santiago would be the preferred alderman for sponsorship.

Next Meeting Date: October 21, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Harbor Lite Yacht Club

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.