

The Regular Meeting for January 9, 2020 of the New Buffalo Parks/Harbor Commission was called to order by Chair Don Stoneburner at 6:36 pm in the City Council Chambers at New Buffalo City Hall, 224 W. Buffalo Street, New Buffalo, MI 49117.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Parks/Harbor Commission.

### **Roll Call**

**Present:** Susan Stoneburner, Mark Gabryszewski, Don Stoneburner, Tom Smith

**Absent:** Linda Henderson- Illness

Staff present: City Manager, David Richards; Parks Superintendent, Kristen D'Amico; Clerk, Amy Fidler; Deputy Clerk, Nancy Griffin.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Tom Smith, seconded by Mark Gabryszewski to approve the agenda.

Roll Call 4-0, Motion Carried.

### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Motion by Tom Smith, seconded by Susan Stoneburner to approve the minutes from December 5, 2019.

Roll Call 4-0, Motion Carried

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Old Business**

- a. Moving of trees along the river

Discussion: This was discussed at the last Parks/Harbor Commission Meeting but the board needs to make a motion. Park staff will move the trees at no extra cost. City Manager, recommended moving the trees to Lion's Park.

Motion by Susan Stoneburner, seconded by Mark Gabryszewski to approve the moving of the trees along the river.

Roll Call 4-0, Motion Carried

Motion by Tom Smith, seconded by Susan Stoneburner to place the trees in Lion's Park.

Roll Call 4-0, Motion Carried.

### **New Business**

- a. Dredge Fund Contributions

Discussion: Extensive discussion regarding the minutes from June 6, 2019.

Motion by Don Stoneburner, seconded by Tom Smith to send out notifications to all associations for the April meeting and send letter to associations to clarify the dredge fund issue.

Roll Call 4-0, Motion Carried.

**b.** Move Third Coast off the beach to the boat ramp.

Discussion: The reason why the Parks Superintendent wanted to move Third Coast of the beach is due to the loss of the beach front from the high water. Per Parks Superintendent, Kristen D'Amico, Third Coast originally wanted to be by the boat ramp.

Motion by Susan Stoneburner, seconded by Mark Gabryszewski to approve moving Third Coast off beach and to the boat ramp.

Roll Call 4-0, Motion Carried.

**c.** 2020 Park and Dredge Fund

City Manager, David Richards explained to the Parks/Harbor Commission that they would have to create a budget. He explained, that the City had a 2-year budget done but they would need to create one, he would like them to have a special meeting for the budget.

**d.** Marina Engineering Results

Tony McGhee from Abonmarche gave a presentation to the Parks/Harbor Commission on the Preliminary Engineering Study. City Manager, David Richards asked the board to look at the plan and would like the board to give feedback at their next meeting. David Richards suggested they have a special meeting where they will discuss the budget and get the boards feedback from the Preliminary Engineering Study.

**Administrative Comments:**

Parks Superintendent, Kristen D'Amico and City Manager, David Richards, gave the Parks/Harbor Commission updates on the following topics:

- Beach Concession and Food Truck
- Dune walk Grant
- Preliminary Engineering Study
- Clean-up of sidewalk between Federal Channel and Beach Parking lot
- Removal or cover for the sunshade on children's beach slide

**Commission Comments:**

**Don Stoneburner is excited to be part of the committee. Susan Stoneburner thanked David Richards, City Manager, and the City for providing information to the committee to keep them informed.**

**Adjournment:**

**Motion by Mark Gabryszewski, seconded by Tom Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.**

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Donald Stoneburner, Chairperson

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Ann M. Fidler, City Clerk