

PARKS/HARBOR COMMISSION

Minutes of February 6, 2020

The Regular Meeting for February 6, 2020 of the Parks/Harbor Commission was called to order by Chair Donald Stoneburner at 6:33 p.m. 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.

Present: Don Stoneburner, Susan Stoneburner, Tom Smith, Linda Henderson

Absent: Mark Gabrychewski (Excused)

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Don Stoneburner, seconded by Tom Smith to approve the agenda.

Unanimous, 4-0 Motion Carried.

Approval of January 9, 2020 Minutes

Motion by Tom Smith, seconded by Susan Stoneburner to approve the minutes from January 9, 2020.

Vote: 3-0 Motion Carried, Linda Henderson abstained.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

New Business

- a. Advisory information on flooding

Discussion regarding gathering information from other sources as to where residents might be able to get assistance to help with high water. For instance, is there money available through the Federal or State Government? Don Stoneburner is gathering information to report back to the associations.

Administrative Comment

- a. Discussion- Proposed fence on jetty

Due to the high water the height of the jetty has gotten shorter and it is an attractive hazard. Parks Superintendent, Kristen D'Amico, stated she had talked to the Army Corps of Engineers and they have approved for the City to put a fence by the jetty to prevent people from going on it.

Linda Henderson, stated that this is long overdue and was happy to hear the Army Corps gave the City permission to put up the fence.

b. Discussion- Dredge

Parks Superintendent, Kristen D'Amico, stated the Army Corps of Engineers will not be dredging the harbor this year. Superintendent D'Amico will contact Abonmarche to get the depths checked to determine the need for dredging. A meeting in April has been tentatively planned regarding Dredge Fund contributions.

Commission Comment

Linda Henderson asked for a status of the Dunewalk. Parks Superintendent, Kristen D'Amico, gave a quick update stating the project will start in Fall of 2020.

Tom Smith noticed the City cleaned up the beach a bit. Susan Stoneburner inquired about the plastic trash needing to be separate. Discussion on the best month to have a volunteer beach-clean-up day.

Don Stoneburner asked if the City had enough applications for lifeguards. Parks Superintendent, Kristen D'Amico, responded she had received applications and she is pursuing other avenues also.

Adjournment

Motion by Susan Stoneburner, seconded by Tom Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm.

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Donald Stoneburner, Chairperson

Ann M. Fidler, City Clerk