

September 3, 2020

Parks/Harbor Commission Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Call to Order at 6:37 pm

Roll Call. All Present: Chair, Don Stoneburner; Linda Henderson, Tom Smith, Susan Stoneburner.

Absent: Mark Gabryszewski

City employees in attendance: City Manager, David Richards; Parks Director, Kristen D'Amico; Clerk, Amy Fidler; Deputy Clerk, Nancy Griffin.

Motion by S. Stoneburner seconded by D. Stoneburner to excuse Gabryszewski, roll call vote, motion carried, 3-0.

Approval of Agenda. Motion by Smith, seconded by Henderson to approve the agenda: roll call vote, motion carried, 4-0.

Approval of Previous Minutes- July 2, 2020. Motion by S. Stoneburner, seconded by Smith to approve July 2, 2020 minutes: roll call vote, motion carried, 4-0.

Public Comment.

None

Old Business

Dredge Fund Contributions

No additional contributions.

Chair Stoneburner will meet with the Mayor to involve the City Council and define next steps.

City Manager Richards remarked the item will be on the City Council agenda in September or October. The issue may have to be handled by setting up a Special Assessment District which will involve legal fees and cost more in the end, if that route is taken.

Chair Stoneburner is disappointed all associations haven't paid and would like to reach out to the associations one more time to get them to participate.

Henderson expressed it is not fair for some associations to pay and others not and supports a special assessment, if necessary.

Motion by D. Stoneburner, seconded by Smith to discuss with the City Council on how to proceed with the Dredge Fund: roll call vote, motion carried, 4-0.

New Business

Parks Director Report

Parks Director D'Amico answered questions from the Commission regarding her report.
D'Amico reported record seasons for the beach and the boat launch.
Discussed the Transient Marina fire and the current available amenities.
S. Stoneburner is very pleased with kayak rentals.
The City Manager praised D'Amico and staff for a wonderful job in unusual and extreme circumstances during all seasons.

Recreational Authority Meeting

D. & S. Stoneburner attended the meeting and D. Stoneburner gave an overview of the meeting and provided his opinion of it being an excellent idea.
Henderson expressed her approval.

Transient Marina Fire

Details of the fire provided along with steps taken to get the marina up and running, including portable restrooms located at the west end of the marina building. The vendor chosen to provide the restrooms is Joy's Johns and the cost is reimbursable from the Risk Management Authority. The City Manager informed the Commission, the fire occurred in the morning and Fire Departments did a great job fighting the fire internally through the ceiling, although there was a good deal of smoke damage. The City Manager and D'Amico also mentioned the portable restrooms are an asset to the marina and will be locked when boaters are not present.

The boat slips are available and there is power on shore. There is no power to the existing building.

The City is waiting to hear word on the portable office.

The DNR site explains the limitations of the marina to customers.

Administrative Comments:

None

Commission Comments:

Smith informed the Tri-State Boat Race is this weekend and has been reduced to a 24-hour race instead of three days.

Henderson requested an update on the Pocket Park at Smith Street. The City Manager provided the update explaining the proposal went before the City Council and then the Planning Commission and will use the right-of-way to provide additional parking spaces and bike racks. The City Manager offered to provide drawings of the facility to the Commission. Henderson remarked additional parking is a great idea and that the State of Michigan will not allow parks in streets.

Members of the Commission voiced their concerns regarding a fence at the jetty for safety. D'Amico explained the fence at the jetty is required to have a gate, per the DNR. The City Manager offered the option for the Commission to decide to have the issues discussed at a City Council meeting.

Motion by Henderson, seconded by Smith to have the jetty fence with gate added to the next City Council meeting agenda. Roll call vote, motion carried, 3-0.

Adjournment. Motion by Henderson, seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Adjournment at 7:25 p.m.

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Donald Stoneburner, Chairperson

Nancy Griffin, Deputy Clerk