

Zoom Meeting

**Call to Order at 6:33 pm.**

**Roll Call.** Present in New Buffalo, MI, Berrien County: Chair, Don Stoneburner; Mark Gabryszewski, Susan Stoneburner.

Attended from Naples, FL, Collier County: Tom Smith.

Absent: Linda Henderson

Motion by D. Stoneburner, seconded by S. Stoneburner to excuse Linda Henderson from meeting: roll call vote, motion carried, 4-0.

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

**Approval of Previous Minutes, February 4, 2021.** Motion by Smith, seconded by Gabryszewski to approve February 4, 2021 minutes: roll call vote, motion carried, 4-0.

**Public Comment.**

Debbie Schmidt – Lifeguards

Nora Howe - Lifeguards

**Old Business**

a. Dredge Fund Update

Chair, D. Stoneburner gave the following update:

- City has waived the association 2019 payments
- Any payments made by associations in 2019 were applied to their 2020 contributions
- A letter was mailed to the associations
- An invoice was mailed to the associations who still owe 2020 contributions

b. Parking Fee Increase Recommendation to City Council

Parks Director gave a review of proposed parking fee changes.

Commission was reminded the City normally transfers money to the Park budget during the year.

Smith also suggested to raise the 3-hour rate to \$7.50, projected revenue with rate increase was not discussed.

Current revenue @ \$12 for the entire season was \$102,372.

Projected revenue with implemented \$15 and \$20 parking fees is \$151,385.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Gabryszewski to suggest the following parking fees

From April 1 - June 30, raise the full-day charge to \$15

From July 1 – August 16, raise the full-day charge to \$20

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From August 17 – October 30, raise the full-day charge to \$15  
From April 1 – October 31, raise the 3-hour rate to \$7.50  
to the City Council; roll call vote, motion carried, 4-0:

**New Business**

- a. Landscaping Around Donnelly Sculpture
  - Interim City Manager offered Nature's Way Landscaping to send a plan for the site.
  - S. Stoneburner requested the landscaper send a plan to her prior to planting.
- b. Fees – Boat Launch, Beach Parking, Commercial Boat Hauler Agreement

Motion by D. Stoneburner, seconded by S. Stoneburner to suggest the following boat ramp fees  
Daily Rates for Michigan Residents with Boats Having Michigan Registrations

- Vessels 27' and under \$10.00
- Vessels 27'1" and over \$30.00

Daily Rates for Non-Michigan Residents/Boats without Michigan Registrations

- Vessels 27' and under \$20.00
- Vessels 27'1" and over \$40.00

Season Passes for Michigan Residents with Boats Having Michigan Registrations

- Vessels 27' and under \$75.00
- Vessels 27'1" and over \$100.00

Season Passes for Non-Michigan Residents/Boats without Michigan Registrations

- Vessels 27' and under \$100.00
- Vessels 27'1" and over \$125.00

to the City Council: roll call vote, motion carried, 4-0.

- c. Waterfront Master Plan Discussion

Chair D. Stoneburner gave an update including his discussion with the Mayor where he confirmed the pedestrian walkway was a separate portion of the plan and how Chair D. Stoneburner would like the walkway to be more of a priority. The current cost of the walkway is approximately \$1M.

- Chair Stoneburner will be looking into other grants that may be available.

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Parks Director was not aware of any grants available at the moment and the Interim City Manager suggested a GoFundMe account as a possibility.

**Commission Comments:**

- The Parks Director confirmed for S. Stoneburner the skates at the ice rink were acquired through donations.
- Parks Director informed the Commission Audrey Tuszynski has been hired to manage the marina with plans to make it more of a concierge service, new logo and a new Facebook page.
- Interim City Manager gave an update on the Dunewalk.

**Adjournment.** Motion by Smith , seconded by S. Stoneburner to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm: roll call vote, motion carried, 4-0.

Adjournment at 7:25pm.

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Donald Stoneburner, Chairperson

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Nancy Griffin, Deputy Clerk