

Zoom Meeting

Call to Order at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call. Present in New Buffalo, MI, Berrien County:

Chair, Don Stoneburner, Mark Gabryszewski, Susan Stoneburner, Tom Smith

Absent: Linda Henderson

Approval of Agenda. Motion by Smith, seconded by Gabryszewski to approve the agenda:

Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes, June 3, 2021. Motion by S. Stoneburner, seconded by Smith to approve June 3, 2021 minutes:

Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

Public Comment

None

Parks Director Report

Discussion highlighting:

- the completion of the beach bathrooms by June 2nd
- the two vandalized pedestals at the marina have been repaired
- the Dune Walk grant is ready to be sent out for bid. Comments made that the bids may take four weeks before they are received due to contractors being very busy. Per the Parks Director the project may turn into a three-phase project as funds allow. The Parks Director has a goal of getting the existing walk demolished by the end of summer 2021.

City Manager email

The grant for electrical upgrades was approved and is out for bids. There was discussion on upgrading the pedestals at the Transient Marina to accommodate the advancements in boat manufacturing.

Commissioner S. Stoneburner's concern with the entrance to the harbor are the red and green markers on the entrance are deteriorating. The Parks Director informed the Commission that is

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an issue for the Army Corps Of Engineers. The City Manager has a meeting with the Army Corps Of Engineers in the near future.

Old Business

None

New Business

a. Stern-in Docking - Discussion with Marina Supervisor, Audrey Tuszynski
Marina Supervisor, Audrey Tuszynski addressed the Commission briefing them on her previous experience and her current experience at the Municipal Marina. Audrey showed an aerial picture of the transient marina and explained the average size of a boat currently is 50' and larger boats require more power than what some of the docks are set up to supply. She stated the small slips are empty a lot of the time. Audrey has a goal to allow larger boats in the marina. She explained stern-in docking was being allowed with assistance from the Marina employees to allow access for larger boats and to allow better/easier access to the power supply located on the pedestal in the middle of the dock. She also discussed removing the piling in slip #26. Lastly, discussions took place regarding:

- Updating the CAMIS System at the DNR with slip sizes and prices
- Recommending having lights on back of boats be mandatory and always on, if the boat hangs out past the end of the dock
- More lighting needed on pilings

Commission Comments:

Commissioner Susan Stoneburner resigned her position on the Commission, effective immediately.

Commissioner Gabryszewski commented the marina is an asset to the City.

Chairperson Don Stoneburner has expressed that he would like to remain on the Commission but would like to step down as chairperson.

Discussion took place regarding the role, direction and processes of the Park/Harbor Commission.

Park/Harbor and the City Council to meet and design strategies.

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Adjournment. Motion by Gabryszewski, seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Gabryszewski, Smith, S. Stoneburner, D. Stoneburner

NAYES :

ABSENT : Henderson

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 4-0.

Adjournment at 7:31pm.

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Donald Stoneburner, Chairperson

Nancy Griffin, Deputy Clerk