

BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP HARBOR COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

August 1, 2020

Bois Blanc Township Hall via Teleconference

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Mike Harrington, at 10:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Don Balbaugh, Richard Berger, Paul Jahn, Tom Wybranowski, Mike Harrington. Bill Akright and Chris Suchner: Absent. Also present: Brent Sharpe Township Supervisor, Larry Phillips, Harbormaster, Cliff Bloom, Township Lawyer, Ryan McLaren, Plaunt Transportation, and Recording Secretary, Betty Hutchinson.

Motion made by Tom Wybranowski to approve Minutes of July 11, 2020, as presented. Second by D. Balbaugh. Roll call vote: Ayes: D. Balbaugh, R. Berger, P. Jahn, T Wybranowski, M. Harrington. Absent: B. Akright and C. Suchner. **Motion carried.**

Report by Harbormaster: L. Phillips said that he has been placing signs at the Pines Dock for safety reasons, i.e., no swimming, etc., but someone has been taking them down.

OLD BUSINESS

Recognition for Greg Dickerson: M. Harrington said he is still talking with commission members in order to decide what kind of tribute will be done for Greg.

Possible Change for Meeting Times: As there were some members absent, Mike indicated that discussion regarding meeting time will be tabled. The September 5 meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m.

Five Year Plan/Yearly Goals. M. Harrington said that he is in discussions with commission members as to the direction the Five-Year Plan will take.

Job Description Harbor Maintenance: M. Harrington is working with Diane to complete a description for duties of the harbor maintenance position.

NEW BUSINESS

Comments of Members of the Harbor Commission

Complaints have been made as to the green light at the end of the dock not working. However, Larry said that the light is working. D. Balbaugh asked if the commission would consider replacing the South Ramp with steel decking as the wood is not in good shape. Motion made by D. Balbaugh to recommend to the Township Board of Trustees to redeck the South Ramp with steel. Second by Tom Wybranowski. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: D. Balbaugh, R. Berger, P. Jahn, T Wybranowski, M. Harrington. Absent: B. Akright and C. Suchner. **Motion carried**

Prints for North Dock: D. Balbaugh said that he had prints for the dock and wondered if there would be a materials/cost list. Brent indicated that these were not the final prints and that some things still need to be worked out before the final prints are accepted.

A question was raised as to whether the same engineer who accepted load limits on Plaunt Transportations ramp would determine load limits on the South ramp. After discussion, motion made by T. Wybranowski to contact Eric Steema to make a determination of load limits on the South Ramp. Second by D. Balbaugh. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: D. Balbaugh, R. Berger, P. Jahn, T Wybranowski, M. Harrington. Absent: B. Akright and C. Suchner. **Motion carried.**

R Berger asked if the signs at Lake Mary could be mounted on posts instead of on trees. Motion by D. Balbaugh to place signs on steel posts and take signs out of the trees. Second by R. Berger. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: D. Balbaugh, R. Berger, P. Jahn, T Wybranowski, M. Harrington. Absent: B. Akright and C. Suchner. **Motion carried.**

Public Comments:

Doug Frey said he has noticed a problem with disabled people getting around in the marina area. He suggested that we post handicap sign be posted at a spot that is more convenient for those who can't move around easily. Motion by D. Balbaugh to place a handicap sign in the first parking space with a thirty (30) minute limit. Second by T. Wybranowski. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: D. Balbaugh, R. Berger, T Wybranowski, M. Harrington. Nays: P. Jahn. Absent: B. Akright and C. Suchner. **Motion carried.**

Russ Riker indicated that when South pier was reinforced, he carried 90,000 pounds on it. Wondered why not possible now. B. Sharpe indicated that the wood is old and rotting.

Patty Quattrin. She has heard rumors of a dock built at the west end and was wondering if that was to be done. Brent said that the main idea was for security, i.e., rescue boat from Mackinac Island and/or sheriff boat, but that there are other items on the table for discussion. The road and parking are the first priority and the dock will be designed later.

Cliff Bloom said that, regard to the Pines Dock, signs need to be placed there as often as they are taken down. The Township should also look at grants for future plans.

Confirmation of Date/Time of Next Harbor Commission Meeting. The group discussed the date of the September meeting in regard to Labor Day. It was decided that the original date of September 5 date, at 10:30 a.m. would be kept.

Motion made by D. Balbaugh to adjourn the meeting at 12 Noon. Second by T. Wybranowski.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: D. Balbaugh, R. Berger, P. Jahn, T Wybranowski, M. Harrington. Absent: B. Akright and C. Suchner. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by,

Betty Hutchinson
Recording Secretary