

**Bois Blanc Island  
Harbor Commission  
Minutes**

**Chairman:** Graham T. Whipple  
**Co-Chairman:** Paul St. Germaine  
**Commissioner:** Greg Dickerson

**Secretary:** John Sanborn  
**Commissioner:** Mike Harrington

**Date:** May 19, 2010

**Time:** 9:37 a.m. Called to Order  
10:20 a.m. Adjourned

**Location:** Township Hall

**Members Present:** Whipple, Dickerson, Harrington

**Members Absent:** Sanborn, St. Germaine

**Others Present:** Dave Lewis

**Minutes from previous meetings:** 4/3/2010

A motion by Dickerson to approve the minutes as amended was second by Harrington. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's report:** None

**Bills:** None

**Communications:** None

**Old Business:**

**Permit For Lake Mary Dock Project**

There are no new developments or changes to report. Presently we are waiting for Scott Rasmusson to come and make an official review of the project. Once he has reviewed the project and gives us an approval, he will issue a permit within a short period of time.

The disparity between the Township map of the site and the one used for the permit process was explained by Whipple. The Township map of the site is a much older map, showing high water levels that do not correspond to existing conditions. The plain fact is that Lake Mary water levels have dropped by a large amount; the result is there is much more beach than before. The determination is important because it greatly reduces the likelihood that there are problems with the surveys.

## **New Business:**

### **Township Board Approval to Pursue Projects at Twin Lakes and Lake Thompson:**

During its meeting on 5-12-2010 the Bois Blanc Township board authorized the Harbor Commission to begin the process of obtaining special use permits from the State of Michigan to develop sites at Twin Lakes and Lake Thompson. The Township Board also authorized the Harbor Commission to spend funds for docks. Township Board also agreed to provide the necessary insurance needed to cover operation of these proposed facilities.

### **Motion to Develop Sites at Lake Thompson and Twin Lakes:**

Harrington moved that the Harbor Commission begin the process of obtaining special use permits, and spend whatever funds are necessary to develop docks Twin Lakes and Lake Thompson. The motion was second by Dickerson. The result of the roll call votes was: Whipple—Yes; Dickerson—Yes; Harrington—Yes. The motion passed.

### **Pressurized Water By The Flag Pole:**

Harrington suggested that the board should consider putting a pressurized water faucet by the well pump that could be used to water plants and landscape in the area where the flag pole is located. A water fountain could also be made available for the public. It was decided to contact Don Balbaugh to determine the cost of this proposal.

### **Maintenance and Repairs:**

The water pipes by the dock have been sanitized and are going to be flushed today. Whipple and Dickerson will collect and send the water samples to complete the annually required testing and certification requirements. The process has become quite involved. Many samples need to be collected; they need to be packed in ice and received by the lab in a limited amount of time.

There are spots in the parking lot where the asphalt has been damaged by chemicals—probably gasoline or oily lubricants. So far there are only a few of them. Whipple will look into fixing them with a “hot patch” or whatever solution seems best. The Harbor Commission also needs to consider when/if painting or resurfacing needs to be done.

Dick Card will be getting the lights by the flag activated from winter storage. Whipple will be putting the flag up so that it will be flying by Memorial Day.

Pot Holes at the edge of the entrance to the harbor. Whipple pointed out that some pot holes need to be filled. Dickerson agreed to fill them as soon as possible.

Whipple will be posting signs saying “Commercial Vehicles Only” in the area by the

PIE&G Building. There is no "48 Hour" parking ordinance in this area and we will be asking commercial vehicles, including those from Plaunt Transportation, to use this area.

**Motion To Adjourn:**

Dickerson moved and Harrington second that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.