

**BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP HARBOR COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 9, 2021
Bois Blanc Township**

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Chris Suchner, at 10:32 a.m.

Members Present: Brent Canup, Don Balbaugh, Richard Berger, Carl Miller, Chris Suchner, Tom Wybranowski. **Also Present:** Larry Phillips, Betty Hutchinson, Cliff Bloom, Joe Fitzgerald. **Absent:** Paul Jahn.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Tom Wybranowski to accept the minutes of September 11, 2021, as presented. Second by Don Balbaugh. Roll call vote: Ayes: B. Canup, D. Balbaugh, R. Berger, C. Miller, T. Wybranowski. Nays: None. Abstain: C. Suchner. Absent: P. Jahn. **Motion carried.**

Harbormaster: L. Phillips said dock activity is down. Uprights and bumpers are not in yet, but he is following up. The rip rap for the parking washout area is also not done but will, hopefully, be done before the end of season. There is no information on the restroom septic as the business is so busy. Discussion regarding new cameras as there may be people dumping waste in the restroom septic. D. Balbaugh will follow up on new camera setup cost. Discussion regarding dock lighting as some are out and some are being turned off. An electrician is needed. The flat is out for repair and a new one will take 14 weeks to be shipped. P. Jahn donated a new flag. A flag was also offered by B. Canup.

Finance: In the absence of T. Wybranowski outlined the finances. The marina fund beginning balance is \$377,759.41 and ending balance is \$369,895.89. He has no information on checks written. C. Miller asked why transient mooring receipts showed a zero amount, and Larry said he does a report and submits once per year

River Development Update: B. Canup said the survey will be done on October 18 at the Cheboygan River parcel. On October 28 and 29, there will be a meeting at the engineer's office to go over sketches and drawings of the property. B. Canup and C. Suchner will attend.

NEW BUSINESS

B. Canup asked about the cement washout area by the main dock. Would like to see it cleaned up and not used for that purpose. It had been authorized previously so the section could be built up.

Motion made by B. Canup to stop the cement washout at the main dock and authorize D. Balbaugh to talk with the cement company about ending the activity. Second by C. Miller. Roll call vote: Ayes: B. Canup, D. Balbaugh, R. Berger, C. Miller, C. Suchner, T. Wybranowski. Nays: None. Absent: P. Jahn. **Motion carried.**

B. Canup said that there is much money out there for underserved areas, and he would like to see some of that used to build a comfort station at the dock area. He said that his information included the need for the Parks and Recreation Committee to request money for dock projects. The group discussed the process for this project, and C. Bloom will assist in getting the needed requirements done.

B. Canup also asked about the possibility of the purchase of real estate property near the dock. Larry will see if the owner is willing and what the price might be.

Mooring Slip Non-usage. Discussion regarding users of the mooring slips who do not use the assigned slips. C. Suchner said he would not like to have to re-write the lease agreement, but he would like to see non-used spaces made available. Suggestion made to call other marinas to ask about their regulations. The commission decided to contact those not using their slip to see if the slip could be filled by others while not in use.

OLD BUSINESS

Grant Updates. T. Wybranowski said that there is an extension of one (1) year for Brightwaters Park.

Comments from Harbor Commission Members

T. Wybranowski says he has distributed the synopsis of the Cheboygan River parcel information.

C. Bloom said there is no state regulation preventing the commission members from meeting off-Island in the winter months. Different meeting places were discussed.

Next meeting will be Saturday, November 13, 2021, at 11:45 a.m.

Motion made by D. Balbaugh to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Second by B. Canup. Roll call vote: Ayes: B. Canup, D. Balbaugh, R. Berger, C. Miller, C. Suchner, T. Wybranowski. Nays: None. Absent: P. Jahn. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by,

Betty Hutchinson
Recording Secretary