

BOIS BLANC HARBOR COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING SEPT. 17TH, 2022 (UNAPPROVED)

BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP HALL

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by Chairperson Chris Suchner

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Chris Suchner, Don Balbaugh, Carl Miller, Tom Wybranowski, Brent Canup: Absent Paul Jahn, Chris Viers

Motion to accept the minutes from July 9th and August 13th by Don Balbaugh, 2nd by Carl Miller, the 5 members present voted aye.

Brent Sharpe was not present to give an update.

HARBOR REPORT BY LARRY PHILLIPS: The Longs gave up their boat slip and Rob Cochran now has one. The life rings are on backorder. Larry will be asking for quotes to repair the asphalt that washed out in the parking area just before the causeway. The harbor has a new spotlight. The red light installed is working very well and the green light will be installed very soon. The idea to empty the bathroom vaults and then sprayed to stop any seepage is too costly. There was discussion on what to do next, probably will need new ones. We cannot use the newer plastic vaults as they structurally cannot support a structure above it. Discussion that if/when PIEG moves to the airport that new outhouses could be installed near or where the current building is.

FINANCE REPORT BY TOM WYBRANOWSKI: Through August 31, 2022, the Marina beginning balance was \$334,836.14 and the ending balance \$284,295.43. Check #19126 to Merchant septic for \$1500 for dock and Lake Mary. Check #19146 to Carquest for oil filters \$23.24. Dianne gave the details on the Waterways grant monies for repair of the North ramp and the Rip Rap just before the causeway. It was a matching grant 50/50. The first ½ was \$68,663 and we received back \$34,331.50. The second ½ was \$77,752 and \$35,743.50 will be coming soon.

RIVER DEVELOPMENT BY BRENT CANUP: Still trying to set up a meeting with Plaunts to discuss a partnership, The meeting on August 30th did not happen so Brent is shooting for September 24th. The North Nautical Adventure Tours Bost (Glass Bottom Boat) may be moving to the area just south of Plaunts by the big city parking lot where many of us park which could “tighten” up the parking in that area.

NEW BUSINESS ON THE RIVER PROPERTY: It was suggested to brush hog the river property to make it look better and show some progress. We need to show some progress in order to avoid paying the \$6000 in taxes to the city of Cheboygan. Additional suggestions to show we are making progress were to place a shed on property, allow some parking, create a dog park. It was also suggested to look for a college to make a project of looking at the economic

contribution that BBI makes to Cheboygan and the surrounding areas. We know that BBI spends millions of dollars each year and it would be beneficial to know approximately how much.

BRIGHT WATERS PARK: Update was given as to where we are to date. The first draft on the MDARD grant is expected soon. A feasibility study is to be completed to determine a more permanent solution to the skid pier for the future. This would include looking over the whole area and any impact it would have on the shorelines. This was originally part of the Phase I development. A study would cost approximately \$10,000. We have \$10,000 coming back to BBI from the grant for the skid pier already purchased. The better pier would still be restricted to daytime tying up of boats and emergency vessels. There was a motion to utilize the \$10,000 to order up the study....Motion made by Carl Miller, 2nd by Brent Canup. All 5 board members voted aye.

PARKING: Don Balbaugh is going to start laying out the parking lot. It was suggested to contact Mike Harrington who not too long ago drew up some plans and layouts. Also discussed replacing the small cardboard "sticker" that is placed on a dashboard showing the spot# and expiration date. It was suggested to look at the newer "cling" style to stick on the windshield. Also discussed enforcement of violators.

FINGER PIER PARKING SIGN: Discussion on how people park right in front of the gate to the South finger pier. When they do this, those who have slips can hardly get their carts past the car to get to their boat slip. Brent Canup, Tom and Dianne will look into a sign, wording, style and cost. One suggestion was : **LOADING AND UNLOADING FOR SOUTH PIER ONLY!**"

There being no more business, a motion by Carl Miller, 2nd by Don Balbaugh was made and passed by the 5 board members present to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm

Submitted by Tom Wybranowski.