

**BOIS BLANC ISLAND HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2023- (Not Approved)**

**Roll call: Chris Viers, Don Balbaugh, Carl Miller, Brent Canup, Tom Wybranowski**

**Absent: Paul Jahn, Chris Suchner**

**In Attendance: Steve Barnum, Ed Nyhus, Kevin & Mary Deery, Wayne Babler, Ryan McLaren, Attorney, Cliff Bloom, Connie Gask, Rob Cochran, Todd See, Scott Anton**

**Approval of past minutes: June minutes- motion by Carl, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris, motion carried....July minutes- motion by Carl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brent, motion carried....August minutes-motion by Brent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris, motion carried.**

**No report by Brent Sharpe**

**HARBOR MASTER REPORT: With the resignation of Larry Phillips, Chris Viers has agreed to fill in for the time being, 3 or 4 weeks, until a replacement can be appointed. At the township boards regular meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup>, the board will be asked to appoint Chris Viers as BBI Harbor Master.**

**FINANCE REPORT: As of 8/31/2023, the Marina beginning balance was \$353,916.42 and the ending balance \$353,728.04. In the future Tom will try to have a more detailed report to hand out to those concerned.**

**RIVER DEVELOPMENT UPDATES BY BRENT CANUP: Brent met with Walstrom's CEO, Tom Erving, to discuss the development. Attorney Cliff Bloom will be recommending that BBI hire an outside, new law firm to handle the negotiations as the development, as it goes forward, can be complicated.**

**NEW BUSINESS: A) The dock bathrooms need to be pumped out again. There still may be a leak and there was discussion if in the future, the units might be moved, especially if the Twp. Will have access to the PIEG building.**

**B) Parking at the dock was discussed. There are vehicles parked where they are not supposed to be parked and some are parked much longer than allowed. The current signs may be contributing to some of the problems so purchasing new signs with clearer instructions should help. These signs will all be brought up at the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

**C) The overflow parking by the transfer station was discussed. Suggested that the BWP Skid Pier be moved out to BWP to "open up the lot". Also discussed putting in an exit drive from the overflow lot to Mill Street. (Is Mill Street a public or private road?)**

D) Boat leases.....Discussed that those with a leased slip are not allowed to let others use their slip. Also discussed is the current policy of when a slip comes up to lease, how or who gets first dibs on it? Attorney Cliff Bloom said he is working on a new policy the leasing of BBI slips.

E) The use of a “warning” flyer to be put on vehicles, boats or trailers in violation. Also, the writing of a ticket if the flyer is ignored. Who writes the ticket...Harbor Master...Deputy. As of now, the BBI Deputy cannot write tickets but could if the Sheriff directed it to be done. To this end, Carl suggested how to address enforcement for boats and cars....There was a motion for this by Carl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris...motion carried.

F) Keys to the Two Hall. It was suggested to install a “lock box” outside the hall so BBIHC members would have access if there were no one to unlock the doors for a meeting. Brent Canup made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carl....motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Asphalt where it was washed out has yet to be repaired. Don B. said he would contact the asphalt company and follow up.

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:** Carl stated that the BBI dock area is inadequate. Should we look at wetlands mitigation for more parking? It was mentioned that the end of the dock that Plaunt ties up to is still not level. Was asked if there was a BBI Harbor Master Plan? Tom W. thinks there was, even with ariel photos taken. Will look into this.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- A) Are the camera pictures or videos available to the public?
- B) Those cameras are being updated.
- C) Look at the process when a slip is available. This topic was discussed earlier in the meeting and Chris Viers, Carl and Attorney Cliff Bloom are looking into it.
- D) It was asked if the DNR could take over the harbor.
- E) It was asked if more than one person could lease a slip, maybe 2 or 3 partner up.

Motion to adjourn at 11:45 by Carl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris....all aye

Tom Wybranowski