

Bois Blanc Township Harbor Commission Meeting

Saturday, May 18th 2024, 8:00 am (unapproved)

Meeting called to order at 8:00 am by Chairperson Chris Suchner

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Audience members: Beth Beson, Cliff Bloom, Tom Bach, Brandon Schlund, Mr. Freye

Approval of the November 11, 2023, minutes with one correction...Chris Suchner, not Chris Viers, was with Brent Canup at a meeting in Grand Haven regarding grants. Motion to accept the minutes made by Carl Miller, 2nd by Brent Canup... All present voted Aye...

No report from Brent Sharpe

REPORT BY JAY BUEGLY, HARBOR MASTER: All of the slips are assigned.... the slip wait list is now down to 13 suggested that in the harbor rules that slip owners put only one name on the application...Discussed there is some question on the slip fee schedule regarding how to charge a fee, should we look at only the boat length or size of the slip.... our harbor season is May 1st to around Labor Day....new sign for transient boat parking to be put on dock doghouse.... flag is up.... need a specific place on the dock where people can stage their belongings..... Lake Thompson Dock is underwater.... waiting for signs for the parking spaces..... discussion again on who can write parking tickets.... discussion on cars that park and block the entrance ramp just past the doghouse to the south slips....Was suggested if the picnic tables next to the entrance ramp could be moved and/or can the railing be eliminated to make more room so carts can get passed a parked car blocking the path to the slips....dock bathrooms still are having some water issues....

FINANCE REPORT BY TOM WYBRANOWSKI..BBIHC cash summary period ending 4/30/2023 beginning balance \$414,449.05 and ending balance \$417,987.07

An extension of the balloon payment of \$183,636.77 for the river parcel was granted ...a March addendum was completed with 3 additional yearly payments of \$57,000 and a final balloon of \$42,033.58 due on 3/15/2027...

REPORT ON THE RIVER PARCEL BRENT CANUP: Nothing new on Walstrom...Suchner and Canup working on Grants...BBI made the 1st cut for a Federal grant....disclosure were signed by those required...a bid was received to brush hog and prep driveway on river parcel...need to show some progress on the parcel...

NEW BUSINESS: At Bright Waters Park leaving the skid pier out for now due to the low water....New Life rings will be placed at the main dock... Dock...Mechanical room, type 3 room, needs to be cleaned out of items not permitted...Some of the 4 x 4's at the dock badly need repairs, some are rotting...Discussion on the island cameras as to how many, where they are placed, can some be re-positioned, cost per month to operate, have a BBI webcam as well.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS; Tom W. mentioned that the DNR is planning a mid-June visit consisting of many days, not totally sure of the scope of work or intentions....question asked if there will be a public meeting with the DNR when here...will ask Dianne

PUBLIC COMMENT: Brandon Schlund asked why some of the smaller jobs at the dock can't be done earlier, before Memorial Day...example, the Navigation markers being placed earlier than we normally do. Boaters do come in before Memorial Day. It was suggested looking into hiring a firm to do this task.

Motion to adjourn at 9:20 by Don Balbaugh, 2nd by Brent Canup

Submitted by Tom Wybranowski

