

Michigan City Port Authority

Board Of Directors

July 25, 2022

Call to order

Minutes Approval or Correction of July 11, 2022, meeting minutes

Time & Place

The regular meeting of the Michigan City Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Port Authority board room.

ATTENDANCE

Board President Socrates Gray presided. Board Members in attendance included Chad Childers, Sam Ferguson, John Haynes, Bruce Manner. Dan Messina, Harbormaster Tim Frame, and Assistant Harbormaster of Administration Mary Ann Pawlicke, were in attendance along with Attorney Joe Zaknoen, Amanda Buetner absent.

Report from Harbormaster:

Tim Frame

- Since last meeting the Michigan City Port Authority, have received Corp of Engineers permit to dredge the hoist well and the forklift well at Trail Creek.
- Previously the Michigan City Port Authority received their DNR permit and IDEM permit.
- Colin from Edgewater Resources will be down later in the week to Finalize plans on what the Port Authority want to do there.
- Also, will be doing measurements in Washington Park on the Launch Ramp, because the North Lanes are completely choked off with sand. Will start the permit process for that.
- Big Boat race coming up August 5-7, 2022.
- Otherwise, things are pretty much normal
- Jumping ahead and mention the Cormorants in old business. Apparently one or two of them have come back. Found some droppings so we have found something to discourage them from being there. But in the meantime, we are just cleaning it up every morning. This is not as big a problem as last year. It seems the Cormorants come around the same time every year, possibly due to the type of fish that is available.

Report form Asst. Harbormaster of Administration:

Mary Ann Pawlicke

- The Loopers are starting to come in and we are trying to accommodate as many of them as possible. We utilize the available slips when people are on vacation. So far, we have been able to accommodate them.
- Also, we have been getting a lot of people inquiring about the Boat race and looking for available slips. But most of our slips are full.

Report from Budget and Financial oversight:

Sam Ferguson

- Paid bills information from Mary Ann, Asst Harbormaster of Administration.
Claims docket for July 25th
MCPA Docket \$105,577.66
MCPA EFT = 0
MCPA Capital Improvements = 0

- Sam Ferguson made the Motion to accept Bills that were stated, Dan Messina seconded it. All in favor of the Bills

Claims and Insurance:

John Haynes – No report

Port Operations & Personnel & Marina Policy:

Socrates Gray

- Complaints that security is never seen making rounds. Socrates witnessed security and a Police Officer on Saturday (4) times making rounds He has witnessed them coming and going.
- Tim, document any incidents, anyone must report. Make sure to get names, Times, and dates.

Boater Communications & Special Events

Dan Messina

- Tim any complaints about security or noise from Boaters?
- Tim Response: We do get a few interesting things every now and again but nothing out of the ordinary.
- Seems to be quite a bit of signage on the gates, Harbormaster will investigate it.

Master Planning and Special Projects Park Liaison

Bruce Manner- No Report

Advertising and Public Relations

Amanda Buetner- Absent- No Report

Attorney Report:

Attorney Zaknoen

- Blue Chip is continually doing their due diligence. Talking with Brenda, General manager confirmed by their Attorney. They are having survey work done.
- Atty. Zaknoen reached out to his counterpart, the Attorney that represent Blue Chip casino and nothing to report.
- Surveyors are very busy, some case 30-45 days out

- Someone from the last meeting suggested the surveyor may be interacting with the DNR
- Giving the pace to which, the government entity tends to work they may be spending a lot of time waiting for a response. If they had retained a surveyor some time ago, that work should be done.

- New Business

- Old Business: Cameras, Cormorants:
 Cormorants are a work in progress
 Cameras could possibly be taken off Old Business, since the monitors and Cameras have been Purchased.

Tim frame stated, "we are making progress" not at 100% yet. Tim and Brian have been putting in Cameras and updating them.

Tim suggested when interacting with anyone (Boaters) mention to them that it would be in their best interests, if they were to purchase a Ring Camera just for their Boat. They can see what is happen on their Boat at any giving time.

Canoes and Kayaks at Sprague's



Tim and Socrates have concluded, if no one wants them or take them, they will be cut up and dismantled.

Tim states they have tried multiple avenues, where people have expressed interest and then never hear back from them.


Promptly in August after the big Boat race, we are going to put out a big roll out dumpster, strip the mental out and take it to the scarp yard. And throw the rest in the roll out dumpster. The Canoes and Kayaks were cast offs, a combination of donations and they belonged to Marquette. But they no longer have an interest in them.

Adjournment

Upon motion made by John Haynes, seconded by Sam Ferguson, the board adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

Accepted by:  Respectfully Submitted, 
 Tim Frame, Harbormaster Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On: 5/11/22

By: 
 Socrates Gray, Board President

Next meeting date will be August 1, 2022