

**MICHIGAN CITY PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

August 17, 2020

TIME & PLACE

The regular meeting of the Michigan City Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on the Port Authority 300 dock patio.

ATTENDANCE

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

Board member Bruce Manner was unable to attend this meeting.

GUESTS

Guests in attendance included Washington Park slip holders Kristin Busch and Joe Meyers along with Colin Hassinger (*Edgewater Resources LLC.*).

GUEST COMMENTS

Ms. Busch discussed some boaters' dissatisfaction of non-slip holders being allowed to access the 'marina only' parking areas. She went on to state that many boaters have also been frustrated with the marina **Wi-Fi**.

Harbormaster Frame informed her that during the week we tend not to monitor the parking as it is not busy but will speak with our attendants about monitoring more closely. In reference to the **Wi-Fi**, he explained that new antennas and radios had been installed this spring to enhance the internet connections; our City IT group handles the service for the **MCPA** and has been working with the manufacturer who believes the problem is with the configuration. This is an ongoing issue that we have been trying to resolve.

MINUTES

Upon motion made by Socrates Gray, seconded by Dan Messina, the board approved the minutes to the previous meeting.

REPORT FROM HARBORMASTER

Harbormaster Tim Frame reported on the following:

- A dock representative meeting was held on Saturday, August 8th; general maintenance issues were discussed.
- Considering some revisions to both our parking and pet policies that would allow us the ability to write tickets. Off-duty police officers have been hired this season to assist with monitoring and securing the marina.

- Received a request from the County Highway Dept. for two parking signs designating ‘*Bridge Tender Parking Only*’ in the south parking lot by **DNR** for their employees while manning the bridge. Highway Department will supply the signs upon approval.

Upon motion made by John Haynes, seconded by Amanda Beutner, the board unanimously approved designated parking signs to be installed for the County Bridge Tenders as presented.

- Colin Hassinger gave a presentation of the re-decking project for the 400, 500 & 600 docks along with electrical upgrades for the east side of marina.
 - Submitted a progression summary of projects and informed the board the bidding process will soon commence.
 - Discussed raising the concrete by the 600 dock to alleviate the flooding issues during inclement weather and high water.
 - Went on to present a timeline for completion of projects.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER

Assistant Harbormaster of Administration Mary Ann Pawlicke reported on the following:

- Reviewed the 2020 Occupancy/Revenue report indicating loss revenue of only fifteen thousand four hundred seventy (\$15,470.00) dollars as we are at a near 100% capacity for both Washington Park (*only three slips remain open*) & Trail Creek (*only two slips open*) Marinas.
- Due to the Labor Day holiday, the next board meeting is scheduled for September 14th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. On behalf of the ***Budget and Financial Oversight Committee***, Mary Ann Pawlicke reviewed the bills to be paid.

Upon motion made by Socrates Gray, seconded by Amanda Beutner, the board approved payment of bills as presented.

2. On behalf of the ***Claims and Insurance Committee***, John Haynes had nothing to report.
3. On behalf of the ***Port Operations, Personnel and Marina Policy Committee***, Sam Ferguson had nothing to report.
4. On behalf of the ***Boater Communications and Special Events Committee***, Dan Messina had nothing to report.
5. There was no report for the ***Master Planning and Special Projects Committee***.
6. On behalf of the ***Advertising and Public Relations Committee***, Amanda Beutner made the following suggestions:

- Some type of flyer or sign be posted as a warning for electric shock drowning (**ESD**).
 - Mr. Hassinger informed the board we can acquire stickers that can be placed on the power pedestals; will forward information to Assist. HM Pawlicke.
- ‘*No swimming*’ signs should be posted at Trail Creek Marina.

REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY

Attorney Joe Zaknoen had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss during this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Zaknoen conducted the election to nominate a new treasurer.

Mr. Haynes recommended Socrates Gray; as being the only candidate, a roll call was conducted as follows:

Amanda Beutner, aye; Chad Childers, aye; Socrates Gray, aye; John Haynes, aye; Bruce Manner, absent; Dan Messina, aye.

As the aye's have it, Mr. Gray was voted in as the **MCPA** Board Treasurer.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by John Haynes, seconded by Socrates Gray, the board adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Accepted by: _____
Tim Frame, Harbormaster

Respectfully submitted, _____
John Haynes, Board Secretary

Approved On: _____

By: _____
Sam Ferguson, Board President

There were no attachments for this meeting.
Minutes prepared by Kristen N. Winkelstern