

CONNEAUT PORT AUTHORITY
929 BROAD STREET
CONNEAUT, OHIO 44030
April 21, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Peterson, at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: George Peterson, Bill Kennedy, Patrick Arcaro, Bill Kline, Mark Verzella, Tom Perkoski, Paul Gauvin, Jon Arcaro and Denver Spieldenner.

- MINUTES: Disposal of minutes by George – motion by Bill Kennedy, second by Bill Kline – all year's minutes passed

- Correspondence: Denver Spieldenner
 - Thank you note from Conneaut fish and game club for \$50 contribution
 - Fireworks note for solicitation for fireworks
 - Monthly level from corps of engineers – 10" lower than previous calendar year
 - Clean marinas and fuel fill kits to be given to Tom Perkoski.
 - Note from quick books is being discontinued in May of 2022.
- Correspondence Bill Kennedy
 - Email requesting a jeep run on 21st of May. Freedom crawlers
- Audience participation –
 - Chris Moochie, 711 Keefus road. Port authority banning dogs from memorial day to labor day. Many responsible pet owners and they should not be punished due to other pet owners not following the rules. Reference made to Dewey beach regarding permitted dates for pets. This example uses permits paid for by residents to allow dogs to use the beach during specified timeframes. The creek is not good for the pets due to level and bacteria. She would like to have the Port reconsider animals on the sand bar during the swimming season. She recommended restricted times (morning) and possible payment for permits to allow pets on the beach. Verification of vaccination of pets prior to permit issuance could be an option. She also recommended a designated dog area for the sand bar. Dogs are not the problem, its irresponsible pet owners that are the problem. This may deter visitors to Conneaut. Lots of pet owners will not travel to Conneaut if they can't take their pets.

Maintenance update –Paul Dock Assessment:

- Put all jet ski docks in.
- Rebuilt dock for the sale boat slip.
- Poured concrete in wall for pier repair on A-wall.
- Replaced pier supports in PCM in front of restaurant.
- More work was done to F-dock.

Vehicles:

- Trucks all ok.

- New Holland tractor needs a clutch - scheduled to go in this week.

Miscellaneous:

- Turn water on in all restrooms – fixed a couple minor leaks.
- Had meeting with the insurance company about playground - not in bad shape -minor fixes to do.
- Called to have Day St. and Broad St. surveyed.
- Put boat in water.
- Moved log out of the lagoon.
- Moved more debris to compost site in the city.
 - Aaron questioned about previously installed pylons on F dock. Paul said they are still working
 - Tom asked about problems with burning on the sandbar. Paul advised that the EPA is contributing to the inability to burn
 - Patrick asked about fencing and the hillside on Naylor Drive. Paul stated that he is very short staffed and if time permits he'll pick up on the hill side. George suggested using some of the sandbar crew to help clean the hill side.
 - Dock Report
 - PCM
 - Eighty docks rented.
 - Eleven unrented docks. 1-twenty-five foot, 10-twenty foot.
 - Twenty-four jet ski docks with three new rentals going in. Total will be twenty-seven.
 - Two docks designated for the fuel dock.
 - Two transient docks.
 - · LAGOON
 - 165 docks rented
 - Nineteen unrented docks. 1-twenty-four foot, 1-thirty foot, 17-twenty foot docks.
 - Twelve jet ski docks.
 - One police boat dock.
 - \$352,130 collected for dock and jet ski rentals.
 - \$15245 is still owed on rented docks. We will be calling people (20) next week to collect the balance due. There will be a \$50 late fee charged and if the balance is not paid within one week from the time we call they will be subject to losing their dock and any monies paid will be forfeited. We will then proceed to rent their dock to someone else.
 - Two season dock passes have been sold for the launch ramp
 - One individual inquired about a seasonal sandbar pass. Denver will pursue that this week and get back to the person inquiring.
 - Bill Kline asked about extending the twenty foot docks. Denver is looking at pulling all the east side of D dock for parallel parking. Some people will be displaced but it may permit 25 foot boats on E dock.
 - Paul asked about more jet ski owners floating their jet skis or purchase their own docks. Denver mentioned that in Geneva the port does not provide jet ski docks. Owners of the jet skis rent the space and provide their own docks.
 - Bill Kennedy asked about the Geneva marina being as shielded as ours. Denver advised that it was similar but not exact.

- Tom asked about the waiting list. There are people waiting for jet ski docks.
- Finance Report – Patrick
 - Denver – thanked Babs for help. Printed name on checks need moved. They're not hitting the window for the mail to be seen. Babs will investigate.
- Motion to accept the Treasures report – motion Bill Kline, second by mark Verzella, all yea's
- Motion to ratify payment of the current bills – Motion by Aaron Joslin, second by Patrick Arcaro. All yea's
- Lease Committee – Bill Kennedy,
 - Delay in addendum signature for Conneaut boat club. Lack of notary. When bill returns from Florida they want to renegotiate.
 - Jeep X to go out on sand bar may 21st. silver fur k-9 rescue benefit. Requesting fees to be waived. Aaron Joslin said there will be maintenance costs for us to clean up the sand bar. Recommending a discount. Discussion to cover a couple hours of clean up. Paul discussed on leave no trace. George recommended a \$100 access fee, to clean the sandbar. No trash left behind should be included. Tom asked about where will they be promoting the event. Promotion on the web page (Paul). Bill Kennedy said this group is a registered non-profit.
- Bill Kennedy made motion to permit Freedom Crawlers on 21st of May Onto the sandbar second by Bill Kline. Discussion: Patrick asked about gate closure while on the sand bar. 45 min to hour event. All in favor: Passed.
 - Bill Kennedy referenced the fast boats coming around for this year and possibly charging.
 - Security: working with border patrol to upgrade our camera systems. Main point of contact is on paternity leave. Money is already expended this year but discussions is for next year. George mentioned one camera would be \$7,000 installed. Mark asked if this would be Security Technologies. George said the new camera would cover the no wake zone. Police department can site and patrol in the no wake zone.
 - Bill Kline recommended talking to Insite about funding sources for cameras. And coast guard may have funds.
 - Bill Kennedy called USACE about no trespassing signs on the Breakwall. Continued follow up signs. Chief Colby cannot enforce without signage
 - Bill Kennedy – fuel dock shed will be painted soon. Similar to the kayak shed
- Dean Ave. Bill Kline
 - Insurance inspection completed and he has a line on a grant through the insurance company. Uses include safety training for employees. George stated it's a very simple grant.
 - Waiting on a quote for resurfacing the tennis courts. Also getting pricing on temporary pickle ball courts and netting equipment. George wants to see how well it's used. And mentioned that there is grant money available through the pickle ball association.
 - Bill Kline is investigating different options for ice skating rinks. Discussed options about removable poles on the pickle ball courts. Hockey sized ice rinks are around \$12k. Bill Kline wants to prepare a power point presentation for Dean Ave.

- George wanted to add that there is an issue with overnight parking. Signs may be necessary.
- Aaron Joslin –Coastal management grant application approved for \$50k. we will have to work with Insite now that funds have been approved. Probably need to run some public sessions, and should have a better timeline next month. Possibly summer or next fall.
- Bill Kline – Communications
 - Flag raising for Ukraine. Made front page news. Contacted local papers and Erie paper. Erie newspaper has a local Conneaut resident.:/
 - George mentioned Denver and Paul are going on the morning show at 4/22/22
- Tom – Environmental
 - Ornithology dept. was back and we'll be back again soon. Article to follow in May. George asked about press release and how timely we can get it.
 - Training sessions for boater sessions. 15 – 20 minutes. Carbon monoxide poisoning and such. This should get us the platinum flag by the middle of summer.
 - Attempt to get some recycling done with the shrink wrap. Usually cost is a wash. George mentioned talking to Charlie deck at shred rite. Paul mentioned that they are already throwing the plastic away. Boats are going in the water and plastic is getting thrown away.
 - ODNR permit. George mentioned that 30 days for comment. Permit is for dredging.
 - Mark mentioned a nesting permit from ODNR. Mark mentioned that there is a permit that can be obtained through ODNR for nest removal.
- Old business – George
 - Parking lot study still in CT's hands
 - Gate for parking lot is much less than anticipated.
 - Fourth of July committee is active. He's been in communication with the chamber. Sponsored whether it's on Friday or Saturday.
 - Darlyene Brisly, going to run the car show, 50/50, Chinese auction. Money will be donated to Conneaut police and fire department for Diver training rescue and drowning recovery.
- Mr. Arcaro – (Jon)
 - Asking for cooperation to follow city code about our dumpsters. Paul advised that it's being addressed.
 - He said that it was a fantastic job with a bike rack. The city has an available one to be installed at Dean Ave.
 - George brought up the "Conneaut" sign again. Open up discussion in May with the tourism Board.
 - Patrick asked Jon to see how many bike racks the city has available.
- New Business:
 - Offer to extend offer to Hattie. Four classes away from her Master's degree.
 - Motion by Bill Kline – second by Bill Kennedy to offer Hattie \$17.00 per hour with \$.50 per hour increase after 60 day probationary period. Passed
 - Paul – boat launch fees. Had a meeting with boat ramp attendants today. People who launch jet ski. Discussion to pay \$10 if jet ski owners want access to the sand bar. We didn't make money on the sand bar last year (Aaron).

- Ramp attendants think we're losing a lot of money from boats leaving at 4:30. Looking at options to collect on boaters coming back in whom don't want to pay. Possibly documenting plates and placing paperwork on windshields to collect when boaters return.
- Patrick – CLYO, help with signage, recommended publicity for helping out.
- Patrick – Casey Kozlowski wants to come to our June meeting. Kathryn Whittington met with George and wants to participate.
- Motion to adjourn at 7:32. Motion by Patrick, second by Aaron. Passed.