

CONNEAUT PORT AUTHORITY
929 BROAD STREET
CONNEAUT, OHIO 44030
June 17, 2021

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

PRESENT: George Peterson, Bill Kennedy, Patrick Arcaro, Tom Perkoski, Mark Verzella, John Hagstrom, Babs Legeza and Denver Spieldenner

ABSENTEE: Aaron Joslin

MINUTES: A motion was made by Tom Perkoski to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2021, Board meeting and was seconded by Mark Verzella. Motion carried. Patrick Arcaro abstained (he was absent for the meeting).

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Doug Watson voiced his opinion about the lack of parking available to dock holders in the PCM area. He also, informed the board that he feels that Charter Captains should not be allowed to have their customers park in what he feels is Dockholders parking spaces. Unfortunately, there is not designated parking for any customers other than the Breakwall Restaurant. Even Dockholders do not have designated parking; it is on a first come basis. Doug also spoke about the lack of maintenance and upkeep being done this season. He also stated that yes, we are price comparable, but not comparable with maintenance and amenities. George Peterson informed him that the Board has CT Consultants working on a plan to improve parking throughout all the Marina & Lagoon. The Board will provide follow ups as they arrive.

Bill Schuller spoke about the grass needing maintained better, the lack of Picnic Tables, needing more Trash Cans, Concrete needing repaired (it has a cone in the hole for over a year and it is a matter of time before an injury happens). Security a definite need for all areas; physical enforcement and more cameras are needed to be installed. Dockholders have a lot invested and should not be arriving to their boats and find footprints on it. George Peterson told him that they are/have installed more cameras and that the Board is working on getting a Resource Officer for patrolling the Marina & Lagoon areas.

Jeff Fees also spoke about areas where the concrete needs repaired. He spoke about docks breaking away and most importantly that an ongoing problem is the Electric. He provided a printout to the board members along with an in-depth explanation about the electrical issues. He explained that with them having the minimum of .5ma/boat that is only providing each boat with .83 which is well below the minimum. There are six boats per pedestal/per .5ma. Jeff also thanked Denver and those involved in helping to retrieve a dock beam that a bolt came out of and a jet ski platform that also lost its bracket from the wall during a recent storm. He asked if the Board would check with their insurance about having a delay on the GFI installed.

George Peterson told Jeff Fees and the Board that it was insurance that told the Board that they cannot increase the amperage on the pedestals. George also said that the Board would review the information and more research into the electrical matter and talk again to insurance.

Steve Heasley He also spoke about the electrical problem, no picnic tables and no trash cans. He also talked about the uncleanliness of the Marina compared to years past. Steve said that he had no electrical issues until the last three years and that there are a lot of disgruntled Dockholders. Between public ramp usage and a dock holder Steve has been here for over 30 years and has noticed that the amenities are extremely poor.

Denver Spieldenner answered questions from the board and explained why the amperage was reduced from .30ma. to .5ma. Denver explained that they are dealing with two separate issues (Breakers and Ground Faults). He also offered to contact Geneva State Park and found out what they are using with reference to their electric for Dockholders. Denver also addressed the issues about trash cans and no picnic tables. They need to have concrete trash cans which cost around \$500.00 each and a better set up for picnic tables to be set up without washing overboard in the storms. Denver has a few ideas that they are checking into and will report with a follow-up once he receives more information.

CORRESPONDENCE: Denver Spieldenner

- Corps of Engineers report says that they expect the water level for July to be around 16 inches lower this year than in July 2020. Also, included was that Lake Erie only has received 72% of there normal water level so far this year.

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HARBORMASTER REPORT

June 17, 2021

- **DOCKS**
 - **We finished installing the floating dock for Harbor Yak. Harbor Yak has their kayak dock attached to our floating dock.**
 - **We completed repairs and the rebuild on the most northerly dock on A wall in the Lagoon.**
 - **At this time all other docks appear to be in fair shape.**
- **SHEDS**
 - **We have placed the three remaining Market Place sheds in the old maintenance building.**
 - **The old Harbor Yak shed is still sitting on Public Dock. We may have a buyer for it.**
 - **We have installed new steps to the shed on the north side of the sandbar gate.**
- **ELECTRIC**

- The electric for Harbor Yak has been run to the north side of their shed but still needs to be installed in their shed.
- We are still waiting for the electric to be hooked up to our attendants shed at the sandbar.
- We need to have the electric at the main flag pole on the north face of Public Dock disconnected so we can move the pole.
- We need to have electric installed at the new flag pole installation site and the decorative lamp post needs to be disconnected and removed. We have notified OUPS of our needs.
- We continue to have electric outages on various docks. Our test unit that was ordered over two months ago has not arrived yet.
- **VEHICLES**
 - Our two new Ford trucks have arrived and are in service.
 - We have ordered running boards for both trucks and a hitch for the F-150. The F-250 came with a factory hitch.
 - Both new trucks have been added to our insurance.
 - We need to decide what to do with the old green Chevrolet pickup. Scrap or try to sell?
- **MISC.**
 - We still need at least two people for the sandbar/ramp attendants positions.
 - We will soon be short handed in the maintenance department.
 - The sandbar is open and we are collecting money. We have issues with deep sand and are advising people they need four wheel drive or all wheel drive to venture out there.
 - We have installed the sign for POLICE PARKING ONLY near their boat dock.
 - We have poured pads for two bike racks. One is in front of our office and the other is across the street from the Breakwall Restaurant.

Respectfully submitted:
Denver Spieldenner
Harbor Master

Denver also spoke about the three small sheds that were purchased earlier this season and George Peterson informed the Board that the sheds are up for sale. Maintenance is short staffed and are looking to hire employees. The old green work truck will be sent out for scrap. The signs are up for 4-wheel drive vehicles and the bacteria count. There was a post question on Facebook about ATV'S wanting permission to go onto the sandbar and the Board was informed that **NO ATV'S** are permitted on the Sandbar (this is a City Ordinance) and is stated on the posted sign. Also, there are **No Golfcarts** permitted on the sandbar either. A brief discussion about being short-staffed in maintenance was discussed as well as asking how many hours come with the

position and it was stated 35 hours a week and is roughly completed by mid-November; depending on how many projects are still needing to be completed.

Harbor Yak has decided to leave the Conneaut Port Authority; so, there needs to be a new lease drawn up for repayment of the shed, electric and labor involved on behalf of the Port Authority.

DOCK REPORT: Sheri Dawson

PCM

PCM is full.

LAGOON

In the **Lagoon** we have **15** empty docks that accommodate boats of 20 feet and under in length. We have **four** empty docks that could accommodate boats of 21 feet and under in length.

Jet Ski docks are all full.

I am still working with Dockholders for updating their Insurance & Registration.

Launch Ramp

We have only sold **NINE** Seasonal Boat Launch Passes.

We need workers for the Sand Bar and could possibly use one more for the Boat Ramp Launch.

Also, included tonight was a three-year review of the launch ramp and sandbar numbers.

FINANCE REPORT: Patrick Arcaro

Patrick Arcaro made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and it was seconded by Bill Kennedy. Motion carried.

Mark Verzella made the motion to pay the Current Bills and Patrick Arcaro seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LEASE COMMITTEE REPORT: Bill Kennedy

- Harbor Yak is gone, and an RFP will be announced
- Snack Shack also needs an RFP announced
- Snowball Cones Trailer is going to try it a few weekends this season; then will be a regular for next season. It will be placed in the vicinity of the public ramp area.
- Steve Mariano has talked to Bill Kennedy several times about having a fast boat race stopping location here off the public wall on Saturday, July 10, 2021. It looks like it would be about 20 boats and they have lunch arrangements with the Breakwall restaurant. They can tie several up in a row and should only be there for about two to three hours.

GRANTS and PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: No Report (Aaron Joslin is absent)

- Mark Verzella told the Board that he was able to get a three-year grant lease on tire removal. The Board discussed where to store the tires moving forward because they need a certain amount for removal pick-up.

ADVERTISING/COMMUNICATION: Tom Perkoski

- Tom spoke about trying to get regular articles into the Courier, during season only.
- Fill-a-Boat will take place the last two weekends in August.
- The Bacteria sign is ready for use and there is a E coli report on our website.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE: Tom Perkoski

- Goose droppings are a real problem when it comes to bacteria counts.
- ODNR is conducting a Fish Study
- The Ohio EPA Encouraging/Environmental/Excellence known as the “three E’s” Grant.
- Invasive Species removal Grant project is to take place in late July or August
- Great Lake Restoration Initiative Grant and Trash Cans on the list
- Conneaut Moose Lodge and the Health Department are working with Tom for the Clean Marina Certification and the Ohio Sea Grant Program.

OLD BUSINESS: George Peterson

- Mission Statement was voted on and will be announced later.
- Sandbar issues seem to be improving.
- We are waiting for the report from CT Consultants about the reconfiguration of the Marina, Lagoon and Parking.
- Security for the 2022 Season was discussed.
- Dean Avenue Park now belongs to the Conneaut Port Authority and asphalt will cost around \$19,000 which will be split with the Conneaut Foundation. A few other improvements that will still need done are: lights, Ice Rink and Steel Fencing.

NEW BUSINESS: George Peterson

Patrick Arcaro made the motion to excuse Aaron Joslin from tonight’s meeting, and it was seconded by Mark Verzella. Motion carried.

George Peterson talked about the progress that is being made moving the Moses Cleveland Monument to the grassy area close to the Ramp Office along with the Flag Poles and all will be in-place by July 1, 2021.

The Conneaut Port Authority has made the decision to move their banking from Port Conneaut to the Huntington Bank.

Catamarans will be permitted on the Sandbar this season and the going rate for a seasonal pass is \$175.00. Bill Kennedy made the motion for the new price to be \$175.00 and Tom Perkoski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 7:35 p.m. Bill Kennedy made the motion to go into Executive Session and Tom Perkoski seconded the motion. Roll Call: George Peterson, Bill Kennedy, Patrick Arcaro, Tom Perkoski, Mark Verzella and John Hagstrom. Motion carried.

Patrick Arcaro made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. and Tom Perkoski seconded the motion. Roll Call: George Peterson, Bill Kennedy, Patrick Arcaro, Tom Perkoski, Mark Verzella and John Hagstrom. Motion carried.

MOTIONS:

M21-034... A motion was made by Tom Perkoski to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2021, Board meeting and was seconded by Mark Verzella. Motion carried.

Patrick Arcaro abstained (he was absent for the meeting).

M21-035... Patrick Arcaro made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and it was seconded by Bill Kennedy. Motion carried.

M21-036... Mark Verzella made the motion to pay the Current Bills and Patrick Arcaro seconded the motion. Motion carried.

M21-037... Patrick Arcaro made the motion to excuse Aaron Joslin from tonight's meeting, and it was seconded by Mark Verzella. Motion carried.

M21-038... Bill Kennedy made the motion for the new price to be \$175.00 and Tom Perkoski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

M21-039... At 7:35 p.m. Bill Kennedy made the motion to go into Executive Session and Tom Perkoski seconded the motion. Roll Call: George Peterson, Bill Kennedy, Patrick Arcaro, Tom Perkoski, Mark Verzella and John Hagstrom. Motion carried.

M21-040... Patrick Arcaro made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. and Tom Perkoski seconded the motion. Roll Call: George Peterson, Bill Kennedy, Patrick Arcaro, Tom Perkoski, Mark Verzella and John Hagstrom. Motion carried.

M21-041... At 8:07 p.m. Patrick Arcaro made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mark Verzella seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A DJOURMENT:

At 8:07 p.m. Patrick Arcaro made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mark Verzella seconded the motion. Motion carried.