

## Monthly Board Meeting May 16, 2024

Conneaut Port Authority  
929 Broad Street  
Conneaut, Ohio 44030  
5-16-24

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Bill Kline

Board Members Present: Bill Kline, Tom Perkoski, Kristina Showalter, Joe Zappitello, Mark Presley

Absent: Debbie Newcomb, Patrick Arcaro

Staff: Denver Spieldenner, Terri Trisket

Others in attendance: Jim Holtzman-Charter Captain

**Minutes:** Disposal of previous minutes-Motion to accept minutes from the April Board Meeting

Motion: Tom Perkoski ; second: Mark Presley

Vote: Yes-All; No:-none; Abstentions-none

Motion Carried

**Correspondence:**

USACE Water Level Report shared by Denver

Sponsorship opportunity-Hole sponsor for the 4-H Foundation Golf Outing was dropped off at the office.

A dock holder shared a recommendation of putting speed bumps on Lagoon Road to help slow down traffic.

**Audience Participation:**

Charter Captain Jim Holtzman asked questions regarding the fuel dock hours of operation, the plan for the \$250 gas credit promised by Oasis, and if and when we are planning to switch gas from the 90 octane.

Bill Kline asked Jim to stay after the meeting to discuss his questions.

**Harbormaster Report: Denver Spieldenner**

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HARBORMASTER REPORT

MAY 16, 2024

- DOCKS
  - F dock has been repaired
  - E dock has been repaired
  - We completed building three new docks in PCM
  - The balance of our docks look good for now.
- Employees
  - We have finished interviewing and hiring the employees we should need for all areas.
- MISC.
  - We have two pickle ball courts ready for use at our Dean Ave.

park.

- We have inspected the playground equipment for safety and all is well.
- The new marina restrooms are nearing completion.
- The parking lot at the restaurant has been paved. Looks great.
- We will be cleaning the sandbar next week if the weather cooperates.
- There will be a Jeep rally on the sandbar this weekend. This is Brian Bidwell and company.
- Business is slow at the launch ramps so far.
- We received quotes for camera upgrades for the sandbar and the fuel dock. This is not a cheap date. We are looking at trail cameras instead. We can view these from our cell phones.
- Underwater weed spraying will take place in July and again in August. We have contacted LEBC and CBC to see if they want their respective areas sprayed also. They would have to pay for their areas.
- We had to have the water pump and the shift linkage repaired on the pontoon work boat.
- All the channel markers are in place and the lights on them are working as they should. We have plenty of water depth in our recreational channel

Respectfully submitted: Denver Spieldenner Harbormaster Conneaut Port Authority

Denver recognized and thanked Mark Presley for his help with maintenance. Mark has been working with our maintenance team to set jet ski docks and on other projects around the marina.

**Dock report: Terri Trisket**

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**As of May 14, 2024**

**Lagoon**

**A-**4(1250), 4 (1800), 0 (2400) 4 (650)

**B-** 7(1450); 1 (1800); 1 (2050)

**D-** 0(1250)

**E-** 2 (1250); 4(1800)

**F-** 7 (1800); 0(2050)

**G-** 0 (650)

**PCM**

**A-** 0 (650); 1(2050); 0 (2400)

**B-** 12 (1800); 2 (650)

**C-** 2 (2050); 0(650)

We have 51 docks available representing \$81,150.00 in revenue.

We have approximately \$48,000 in outstanding dock payments. I am working to collect these payments.

**Office updates:**

We met with Daivid Joyce's office representative, Ariann on April 30 and with Sherrod Brown's office representative, Jordan on May 15<sup>th</sup>. I provided them with copies of the master plan and discussed funding opportunities for our upcoming projects.

The Fuel dock is coming along well. The Point-of-Sale system is set up and I am working to input our inventory. We have opened accounts with both Pepsi and Hershey's ice cream. I will be ordering snacks for our Our goal is to be up and running for the holiday weekend. We are looking for a weekend team leader to support the marina teams over the weekends.

I will be working on the full application for the CDC grand due in July. They did not select our pickleball court project but would be interested in helping with one of our larger development projects.

We are still hopeful that our OTSCIF funding request will be granted.

**Financial reports:** Patrick Arcaro & Terri Trisket

April was very typical in terms of spending.

Motion to accept Treasurer's reports

Motion: Kristina Showalter ; second: Tom Perkoski

Vote: Yes-All; No:-none; Abstentions-none

Motion Carried

Motion to ratify the payment of April's bills

Motion: Tom Perkoski; second: Mark Presley

Vote: Yes-All; No:-none; Abstentions-none

Motion Carried

**Old Business:**

Blessing of the Fleet: scheduled for June 8 at 1pm

Newsletter- Tom is taking the lead on this project

Chamber lease: moving forward, tentative move in date is set for June 1.

PAMF grant: awarded for 10,800

NFWF grant: meeting biweekly with our team. Working to craft a stakeholder list for the first set of stakeholder and public meetings. Targeting mid-June.

**New Business:**

Committee Reports

Grants and Planning (Bill Kline/Terri Trisket): Senator Brown's office is going to help us look for opportunities using their funding software.

Environmental (Tom Perkoski): PAMF we are working to submit the DNA samples and will contract with Davey Resource group to carry out the treatment of the phragmites. Tom will work with Denver and Brian Bidwell to determine good placement for the trees down in the marina. Tom will conduct an invasive species analysis on the wetlands. There is not enough interest in a shrink wrap recycling program. Many of the boaters reuse their wraps for several years. We will be sending out the boaters pledge. There is a growing concern with not having an active coast guard station in Ashtabula this year it is important that any one that sees a problem reports in immediately. Bill and Terri informed Tom that there has been talk of the Coast Guard station in Ashtabula be manned on the weekends during the boating season. Senator Browns office asked in our meeting if the lack of Coast Guard was of concern for us. They are advocating for a renewed presence in Ashtabula County. The bird tracking station is going to be making some additions this year.

Finance (Patrick Arcaro): Committee met on April 23

Communications (Kristina Showalter): nothing

Lease (Joe Zappitello): The Lease committee is negotiating with Conneaut Boat Club to renegotiate their current lease. We are waiting on feedback on the chamber lease. Float and Fly have reported a log in the creek that poses a hazard to those kayaking. Denver reported this to the city. There has been no response to the ice machine lease. Mark will follow up.

Executive (Bill Kline): none

The board decided to keep the 2022 fee of \$175 for Catamaran storage on the sandbar

There was an interest expressed by and outside party to rake up and sell rocks on the beach. Will share the information with Township Park.

The new restrooms will need to be added to our insurance policy.

Motion to excuse Debbie Newcomb and Patrick Arcaro

Motion: Kristina Showalter; second: Mark Presley

Vote: Yes-All; No:-none; Abstentions-none

Motion Carried

Motion to Adjourn made at 6:57 PM

Motion: Joe Zappitello; second: Mark Presley

Motions:

24-47 Motion to accept minutes from the April Board Meeting

Motion: Tom Perkoski ; second: Mark Presley

Vote: Yes-All; No:-none; Abstentions-none  
Motion Carried

24-48 Motion to accept Treasurer's reports

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Vote: Yes-All; No:-none; Abstentions-none  
Motion Carried

24-49 Motion to ratify the payment of April's bills

Motion: Tom Perkoski; second: Mark Presley  
Vote: Yes-All; No:-none; Abstentions-none  
Motion Carried

24-50 Motion to excuse Debbie Newcomb and Patrick Arcaro

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Vote: Yes-All; No:-none; Abstentions-none  
Motion Carried

24-51 Motion to Adjourn made at 6:57 PM

Motion: Joe Zappitello; second: Mark Presley

