

## Monthly Board Meeting June 20, 2024

Conneaut Port Authority  
929 Broad Street  
Conneaut, Ohio 44030  
6-20-24

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

Board Members Present: Bill Kline, Tom Perkoski, Patrick Arcaro, Joe Zappitello, Mark Presley, Debbie Newcomb

Absent: Kristina Showalter

Staff: Denver Spieldenner, Terri Trisket

Others in attendance: Amanda Smith, Angels of the Lake; Nic Church, City Council Liaison; Ken DiNino, dock holder; Jim Holtzman and Kenny Wilson, Charter Captains.

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

Motion: Tom Perkoski ; second: Mark Presley

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

Motion Carried

**Correspondence:** USACE water level report by July 1 we will be at the same water level as last year which is still 10' above average.

Letter of exemption from the Auditors office for Dean Ave Park. Our request for property tax exemption for Dean Ave Park.

### **Audience Participation:**

Ken DiNino: In comparison to other Marinas we are very over priced. In Erie for a similar sized dock it is \$700 cheaper and their boat launch is free. He has been here for 14 years the docks are in good shape and the maintenance is good. The biggest problem is the road dust. Nothing has been done to maintain the road; there must be a better option than the asphalt grindings. No one wants to take ownership of the road. Bill asked Ken to speak with him after the meeting.

Amanda (Mandy) Smith: Came on behalf of the new 501C Angels of the Lake. They are focused on beach and water safety. Their organization is starting a beach ambassador program and would like to implement a lifejacket rental station. They plan to use grant and donations to fund their work.

Nic Church: Nothing to report. The road along the Lagoon belongs to the City.

### **Harbormaster Report:**

#### **CONNEAUT PORT AUTHORITY HARBORMASTER REPORT JUNE, 20 2024**

- **DOCKS**

- **The floating dock at the ramps has had new rubber stripping and corners put on.**

- We have had numerous electrical issues on docks. Breakers tripping, no power, etc. Most of the issues were because of issues with boats, not our system.
- We have quite a few electrical pedestals that need work on the lights on them or outlet covers that are missing.
- We are working on repainting the dock numbers that have faded or are missing.
- We continue to monitor for rotted boards or any other safety issue.
- **SANDBAR**
  - We are raking and mowing weekly.
  - We have four Porta -Johns in place now. Correction only 2 have arrived.
  - We will be ready to rent kayaks shortly.
- **MARINA RESTROOMS**
  - Painting is almost done.
  - We supplied a combination lock for the door that will be installed soon.
  - Restrooms should be open for this coming weekend.
- **CAMERAS**
  - Repairs were made to the Lagoon North camera and the Creek Entrance camera.
- **MISC.**
  - We had our marina inspection by the Conneaut Health Board. There were some minor issues that needed to be addressed. We have fixed all the problems and will report to the health board.
  - We continue to do safety checks on a regular basis. There is a file in the 929 office with the checks.
  - The Chamber of Commerce has not moved into their office yet.
  - There was an issue at the launch ramp a man claimed he did not have to pay because he was a citizen of Conneaut. Our attendant told him if he launched with out paying He was calling the Police. Denver spoke with this individual and he said that the police told him that they had no jurisdiction over that area and the city manager office told him that they did not know we were charging a fee and that we should not be charging it. Denver followed up with both the City Manager and Police Chief and both of these statements were false.

Respectfully submitted: Denver Spieldenner Harbormaster Conneaut Port Authority

Dock report: Terri Trisket

Dock Report

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## **As of June 19, 2024**

### **Lagoon**

**A-** 2(1250), 1 (1800), 0 (2400) 3 (650)

**B-** 6(1450); 0 (1800); 0 (2050)

**C-** 0(1250); 0(1800)

**D-** 0(1250)

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

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

**G-** 1 (650)

### **PCM**

**A-** 0 (650); 3(2050); 1 (2400)

**B-** 12 (1800); 0 (650)

**C-** 3(2050); 3(650)

We have 48 docks available representing \$76,150.00 in revenue.

\*I am utilizing 6 docks currently as transient docks.

### **Office updates:**

Working to revise our BIG ask for the upcoming funding cycle

CDC Grant application will be due in July

Completed the genetic testing for the PAMF Grant and will begin monitoring in July.

It has been a fantastic week down at the Marina. The Sandbar was open all week in response to the warm weather.

We will be moving the stakeholder and public meetings back in response to low stakeholder response. The ECT team and myself will use this time for some additional project research and to personally reach out to stakeholders by phone.

There is an updated estimate for the Naylor Drive Sewer project. I will be seeking out additional grant funding to bridge the funding shortfall.

The fuel dock now has bait, Pepsi products, and ice cream. Our first order of snacks will be arriving this Friday and we are hoping to get ice to sell for the weekend. Our first fuel order was placed last weekend.

We have been asked to use our launch for a fishing tournament July 19. They would pay for the launches and are expecting between 60-80 boats.

Covered Bridge Ministries would like to do a beach clean up on the sandbar July 24. They have a group of youth coming from out of state.

I would encourage all of you to swing by the launch ramp, fuel dock, and sandbar and introduce yourselves to our crew if you have a spare minute. We are fortunate to have such great people working with us here at the Port Authority.

Next month will have a comparison to last year.

**Financial reports:** Patrick Arcaro

Spending in May was pretty typical. Dock refunds were discussed we had a boat that was unable to launch due to not enough water, his dock was refunded.

Motion to accept Treasurer's reports

Motion: Joe Zappitello; second: Tom Perkoski  
Vote: Yes-All; No:-none; Abstentions-none  
Motion Carried

Motion to ratify the payment of May bills

Motion: Patrick Arcaro; second: Tom Perkoski  
Vote: Yes-All; No:-none; Abstentions-none  
Motion Carried

Motion to accept the amended appropriations and receipts as written.

Motion: Debbie Newcomb; second: Joe Zappitello  
Vote: Yes-All; No:-none; Abstentions-none  
Motion Carried

**Old Business:**

Newsletter: Press release was done regarding the phragmites grant. Still working on the newsletter. There was a nice piece on the Port in Business View magazine online. One thing in the newsletter is to be very transparent about finances. Many are under the impression that we receive tax dollars from the city or state, and we do not. All revenue is generated by the marina or through grant awards that fund specific projects.

Blessing of the Fleet: The Blessing of the fleet was a success! The weather was beautiful, we had about 10 boats this year. This is something we will continue to do annually.

Chamber Lease: everything is completed.

Fuel Credit: We have had two dock holders reach out one is concerned that if they get to the end of this year and are not able to come back next year what happens to their credit. The other was unhappy about our decision to drop our octane and will not be returning next year.

It was discussed that the credit has no cash value it must be used on gas or on a dock credit for next year.

**New Business:**

Committee Reports

Grants and Planning (Bill Kline/Terri Trisket): nothing to report

Environmental (Tom Perkoski):so far we have had no high bacterial counts. The bird tracking will be getting some upgrades and is being handled by a new person this year. The phragmites grant will help manage the growth on 10 acres on the sand bar. Tom attended a training on funding opportunities for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, they focused on partnerships. CAMA approached Tom about utilizing the snack shack.

Finance (Patrick Arcaro): met to discuss appropriation adjustments

Communications (Kristina Showalter):nothing to report

Lease (Joe Zappitello): will be having a follow up meeting with the CBC regarding their lease.

Executive: Nothing to report

Facilities: Nothing to report

Fireworks donation: We have a new kayak that is not being used. We would need to purchase the lifejacket and paddle.

Motion to donate a kayak and paddle to the Red White and Boom Over Lake Erie

Motion: Debbie Newcomb; second: Tom Perkoski

Vote: Yes-5; No:-none; Abstentions- 1 Bill Kline

Motion Carried

Fuel discount for Charter Captains: There is a recommendation to offer a small discount on Fuel to the Charter Captains

Motion to offer a\$0.10 discount per gallon to charter captains

Motion: Tom Perkoski; second: Patrick Arcaro

Discussion: This recommendation was made by Denver and Terri. The Charter Captains buy fuel in volume and are some of our best spokespeople in the marina. This will build good will with them.

Mark is opposed to the offer.

Patrick feels \$0.10 is too high of a price point.

Tom withdrew the motion to be discussed next meeting.

Restroom sign:

Motion to have a 2x3 sign to thank the John Annichenni family for the donation of the restroom facilities. The sign may not exceed \$300.

Motion: Mark Presley; second: Bill Kline

Discussion: the restrooms were a donation separate from the renovations to the restaurant.

We will seek competitive quotes.

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

Sandbar signage: In light of the recent tragedy at township park it would be advisable to post signs regarding the dangers of rip currents. This is something we can probably use the PEP+ grant to fund.

The impact grant will be seeking a letter of support for the dive team.

Event on the Sandbar: we received a request by an individual to have an event on the Sandbar. This would involve setting up some cones on the east side. We would charge per vehicle. This would not be labor intensive on our part and would be a wonderful opportunity for the public.

Motion to Adjourn made at 7:46 PM

Motion: Mark Presley; second: Joe Zappitello

Next Board Meeting : July 18, 2024

Motions:

24-52 Motion to accept minutes from the May Board Meeting

Motion: Tom Perkoski ; second: Mark Presley

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

24-53 Motion to accept Treasurer's reports

Motion: Joe Zappitello; second: Tom Perkoski

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

24-54 Motion to ratify the payment of May bills

Motion: Patrick Arcaro; second: Tom Perkoski

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

25-55 Motion to accept the amended appropriations and receipts as written.

Motion: Debbie Newcomb; second: Joe Zappitello

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

24-56 Motion to donate a kayak and paddle to the Red White and Boom Over Lake Erie

Motion: Debbie Newcomb; second: Tom Perkoski

Vote: Yes-5; No:-none; Abstentions- 1 Bill Kline; Motion Carried

24-57 Motion to have a 2x3 sign to thank the John Annichenni family for the donation of the restroom facilities. The sign may not exceed \$300.

Motion: Mark Presley; second: Bill Kline

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

24-58 Motion to Adjourn made at 7:46 PM

Motion: Mark Presley; second: Joe Zappitello