

Portage Lake Harbor Commission Meeting Notes
March 16,2023

Call to order: 10:00 Am

Minutes from January 12 approved.

Burger: Village news, No secret sewer meetings,new budget approved,Jetti at park launch being repaired in April,making repairs to dock at launch.

Bromley: New renter at Café at PLM,Water down 44 inches since high water 2 years ago, losing slips along wall at PLM facility, high demand for slips for 2023 season, pontoon rentals already for summer.

Mc Coll: Lighthouse at DNR launch in good shape, water down at marina, already booking seasonal and transient slips.

Hughes: Submitted Port Assistance grant Criteria to chairman Simons, Invasive species committee recommended fish study to township board.

Simons: Port Assistance grant does not seem to fit Onkama s needs .Called Doug Barry from DNR about the status of DNR launch, trying to mobilize funds from Senator Bumstead to assist in the repair and update to dock and dredge for 2023 season. Dredging allocated for Channel in 2023 or 2024 season by Feds (980,000). Also met with CORP and discussed the status of the stone infill for revetment on pier.

New Business: Still looking for new member to replace Frank English, 650 dollars received from Franks memorial.

Discussion: Jim presented some information in regards to negative effect of wake boats to underwater habitat. Also, Hughes mentioned the growing use of boat washes in some lakes in northern Michigan to help control introduction of new invasive species.

Meister: Looking for a boat for the fire department for rescue. Have fire fighters on staff willing to train and operate vessel. Onkama Marine will donate slip for boat when purchased.

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting: May 11,2023, 10:00 Am

Adjourn: 10:48 Am

