

Portage Lake Harbor Commission, Minutes March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Members Present: Frank English, Roger Burger, Duncan McColl, Ted Bromley, Steve Brooks, Jim Simons.

Absent: Kevin Hughes.

Meeting: Opened at 10:00am.

Minutes: of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 approved with no substitutions.

Steve Brooks: Revetment light North pier head entering Portage Lake: On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, Steve phoned A. J. Stetdham XPO, South Haven Coast Guard Buoy Section Chief. He wrote up a two pages document which goes over the need for the light and includes the description and GPS location on Portage Lake, and particulars including the design to be similar to the South Pier head light, but with a green light. He said he would fore-ward this proposal up his chain of command in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He assured me that this request would not be present in the 2022 budget, yet could be in the 2023 budget pending approval from his superiors. He further recommended that we have business heads and people from MDNR, Sherriff Marine, and local businesses to make formal requests for this light. He reminded me, to become a squeaky wheel in this matter, to bring more attention to it so that it can become a reality.

Roger Burger: Reporting from the village of Onekama: The iron re-rod located on the community boat ramp has been repaired and covered with new cement: Fee's collected for Marine use helped greatly to offset costs of maintenance.

Frank English: The latest copy of the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council which came out March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 was handed out to members present. He reminded us that there is no new Great Lakes Basin Report, however there was a copy of the November 2021 issue attached to the article. We must wait for the new report which will come out some time in the next three months. He also mentioned that Portage Lake Association wants to change their name primarily due to the volume of inquiries related to supposed lack of fish in Portage Lake that Al Taylor is having to respond to.

Ted Bromley: had nothing to report.

Duncan Mc Coll: had nothing to report.

Jim Simons: Apparently the Great Lakes Port Association funding for this year is 450 million dollars. 240-300 million more will be allocated from US Congress with new legislation pending. This is good news for small harbor reconstruction and maintenance moving fore-ward. The Onekama Township has given a line items for funding of the Portage Lake Harbor Commission. Jim has asked us to think about ways in which we can improve the Onekama community and pass these ideas through him and on to the Township. Onekama Township has applied for permission from The Army Corp of Engineers, to attached two No Wake Signs on the North and South revetments entering Portage Lake from Lake Michigan. Upon approval we as a commission will attach them to the steel piling.

Next Meeting: May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 10:00am, Onekama Township Hall.

Snb/3-18-22.