

## PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION

April 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Jim Mrozinski at 7:05pm. Present were Roger Burger, Frank English, Denny Blue, Jim Simons and guest Arnie Johnson.

The minutes of the January 18, 2018 meeting were approved with a motion by English and second by Blue, with all voting in favor.

Simons reported that the contract with the Lake Manager is signed and with the cold weather probably the first survey of the lake will be sometime late in May or early June. There is going to be a program on Swimmers Itch at Crystal Mountain on April 21, 2018 at 1:30 and a couple of members might attend. Jim said that Portage Lake was tested last year and no swimmers itch was found but Crystal Lake and Houghton Lake have a real problem.

English said that Chicago has become a member of Great Lakes Basin Partnership to Block Asian Carp. State of Michigan is primary in the effort to keep carp from the Great Lakes. Recently a carp was found just 9 miles from Lake Michigan, so Corps of Engineers is implementing new methods to stop their progress.

Burger reported that the bathrooms, in the park, will be remodeled with upgraded electrical, new bathroom fixtures and new flooring. The Village will be installing buoys to indicate the boundaries of the swim area at the park.

Mrozinski shared that the Corps of Engineers has a \$1.4 billion budget for water work this year, and next year they are projecting \$1.44 billion will be appropriated from the Harbor Maintenance Fund and 10% of these monies will go to the Great Lakes. At present there are 43 harbors in the Great Lakes that require dredging.

Jiim gave the commission several hand out pieces to coordinate with the Michigan Port Collaborative survey presented by Blue.

Blue presented a survey from the Michigan Port Collaborative concerning our port. This survey has to be completed by May 14<sup>th</sup> because Vince Magnini and Bill, of the Collaborative, will be here for a meeting to discuss our Harbor and our community and how the state views our harbor. A letter will be sent to the Village, Township and different organizations asking that they participate in completing this survey. A meeting with these organizations will take place prior to May 14<sup>th</sup> with more information to follow.

New business....none

Public comment....Johnson suggested that the village park become pet friendly. He said that his experience indicates that pet owners tend to spend a lot of money.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Simons