

PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION

April 30, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Blue at 7:00pm. Present were Blue, Burger, May, and Simons. There were no guests present.

The minutes of the March 5, 2014 meeting were approved with a motion by May and support by Burger, with all voting in favor.

Simons reported that the lake manager will be doing the spring survey soon and then the schedule for treatment will be decided.

Burger reported the end of comment for the Corps has ended for the Village permit to complete the final phase of the village park project. This new permit will allow them to place new sand on the beach area.

Callaway provided the elevation drawings for the proposed fish cleaning station at the DNR launch site on Andy's Point. Simons will contact Dave Meister to get the Township's approval to move ahead. When this approval has been given he will contact the DNR for their approval.

Blue reported that the Port Collaborative is being revisited with 3 proposals for its going ahead..1. could be in a different form, 2. Partner with another organization and 3. Be turned over to someone else entirely. Blue said that he had read that the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative is recommending the all properties around lakes be connected to sewer systems and do away with septic fields.

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May said that he attended the Stakeholders meeting with the Corps for the Small Harbors and that there was nothing new to report. Funding for the Corps has increased but nothing has gone to the small harbors. Representatives Huizenga (MI) and Hahn (CA) have introduced an amendment to the 2016 Energy and Water Bill that would increase appropriation for the Corps by \$36 million for possible prioritization of our small harbors.

New business....It was brought to everyone's attention that the Township Planning Commission is proposing a 300 foot No Wake zone all around Portage Lake. A discussion followed and was tabled.

There was no public comment.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Simons