

PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION

June 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Jim Mrozinski at 7:02pm. Present were Denny Blue, Steve Brooks, Roger Burger, Chuck May and Jim Simons.

The minutes of the April 20, 2016 meeting were approved with a motion by Blue and second by Brooks, with all voting in favor.

Simons reported that the lake survey and treatment are still on schedule. To date swimmers itch on Portage Lake has not become an issue.

Burger reported that the village has received their permit from the DNR to install two (2) buoys to indicate a swimming area and the Village park.

Brooks said that he pointed out to the Corps of Engineers that First Street is a plated road, near the channel, and if the Township is in agreement the Corps would be able to use this as a staging area for the repair of the channel walls.

Blue said that the Michigan Port Collaborative had not met recently but they are continuing to work on a template for all Michigan ports. They have received a grant for \$21,000 from the Michigan Waterways Commission and are now looking for matching funds. The template would be used in conjunction with Sea Grants "Small Harbors Sustainable Project" as tools to improve the ports around the state. Blue made a motion that the Village and Township be encouraged to give \$250 each to help the Michigan Port Collaborative reach their matching funds in the program. Simons seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Participation in this funding will insure Onekama (Portage Lake) will be recognized as a program participant.

May reported that Senator Booher called and asked if there was anything else he could do to help with the infrastructure of our channel. May said that he could remind the Corps that they were the ones who asked for the \$6.25 million for the repairs and that cost should be held within these guidelines. He also said that Leland will be receiving \$500,000 next year from the Corps.

Mrozinski passed out a letter that he had sent to Melissa Bosman, US Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District thanking her for all their good work on our behalf and requesting answers to questions concerning our tele-conference call last week in regards to the design and schedule of the infrastructure repairs to our channel walls.

New business....Discussion on potential multi-lake septic systems.

There was no public comment.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Simons