

## PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION

July 25, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Jim Mrozinski at 7:08pm. Present were Denny Blue, Chuck May, Steve Brooks and Jim Simons and guests Arne Johnson.

The minutes of the May 30, 2019 meeting were approved with a motion by Blue and second by May, with all voting in favor.

Simons reported that the milfoil had been treated at the Marinas and Easy Street. Mrozinski said that it appears the treatment is working. Jim said that the Lake Manager had completed the lake survey but he did not know the results or when the treatment would be. Jim also passed out an article from Michigan Outdoor News that said no Asian Carp DNA has been found in Michigan waterways.

Brooks said that the contractors will begin pouring the concrete, for the walkway, on the north side of the channel next Tuesday. Brooks also gave a report on a meeting of the Corps concerning Great Lakes Water Levels that he and Simons attended in Ludington. a) water levels will probably rise next year also, b) Lake Huron and Lake Michigan are considered one body of water, c) Lake Michigan water levels rose 21.2 inches from February 1, 2019 to June 19, 2019, and d) the water that flows through the Chicago channel each year represents about 1/8 inch or surface area in Lake Michigan. The consensus is that precipitation and sun govern lake levels if all other factors remain constant.

Blue reported that the MBIA is considering a survey of Michigan inland lakes, using Michigan Port Collaborative template, relative to benefits of tourism to state and local areas.

May reported that Pete Defazzo of Oregon has introduced a bill, HR-2396, which would make the \$9.3 billion, in the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, available to

the Corps for maintenance of harbors. The bill has not been discussed by either the House or Senate. Chuck also said that of funds coming into the fund in 2018, 92% has been appropriated.

Mrozinski reported that King Construction will designate and add specific areas in the concrete walkway, on top of the wall, to accommodate life rings and solar lighting in the future. Jim and Dave Meister plan to meet with the people in Frankfort, in the fall, to discuss the Townships concerns about insurance.

Jim said that he spoke to Dave Herweyer, King Construction, and that they plan on pouring concrete all next week, 70% of rock work is complete and they are still waiting for the go ahead to move the wave attenuator to the south.

Jim set a date of August 6, 2019 to paint the light structure base at the DNR ramp location.

New business.....none

Discussion.....none

Public comment....none

Next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 8:23PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Simons