

Leland Township Harbor Commission Meeting
January 12, 2024– 3:00 PM
Leland Township Harbor, 107 N Lake Street, Leland
Minutes

PRESENT: Chairperson Geoff Niessink, Leland Harbormaster Jeremy Anderson, Geno Miller, Jimmy Munoz, Lisa Brookfield (Twp board rep)

ABSENT: Michael Steichen

GUESTS: Susan Och, mark Morton, Tony West

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: (4,0)

APPROVAL OF Minutes: Minutes of the November 10, 2023 LTHC were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT: Work on preparing the harbor for incoming winter weather advisory, expecting dropping temperatures and wind. The de-icer is running and safety protocol for winter dock work is in effect. Reservations for the 2024 boating season have been steady. The Harbormaster reports that our parking revenue for the first season was \$33,925. The lighting on the docks is going to be converted to LED. Planning for a spring dredging.

BUDGET REPORT: The HC reviewed the budget and finances. Discussion over required funds to meet expenses in the off-season and spring dredge followed. The harbor commission is pleased that savings has been invested in short-term CDs. It was agreed that the funds would be rolled-over if available or deposited into the 595 Harbor Improvement account once the investments mature. Geoff Niessink reminded the committee that the dredge will be needing an inspection and maintenance and should be budgeted accordingly. Jeremy Anderson is reviewing insurance for the dredge to see if there is opportunity to save money. Upcoming needs and repairs for the harbor were discussed. The chairs need to be replaced and a cooking area could be improved. Jeremy Anderson and Lisa Brookfield will be preparing the 2024-25 budget for the HC to review.

Leland Chamber of Commerce request: Mark Morton and Tony West presented the request from the Chamber for the Leland Wine and Food festival to return to the Harbor in June. The event is a major revenue source for the chamber and they would like to come back to the harbor. The Waterways won't allow the ramp or parking lot to be impeded. Discussion followed regarding the Harbor needs and the event needs. The background and history of the event was reviewed. The changes for the harbor include the restrictions in place by the DEQ and Waterways, loss of revenue, and general congestion. The Harbor is a site of refuge and must be open to boaters and users of the Lake. The HC is not in favor of the return of the event and given the restrictions is no longer a suitable site for the wine festival.

OLD BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion and second the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM
Next meeting February 9, 2024 at 3:00PM
Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Brookfield