

CANALFRONT PARK MARINA COMMITTEE
May 18, 2017
MINUTES

The Canalfront Park Marina Committee met on **May 18, 2017 at 2:30pm in the Net House, Front Street, Canalfront Park**, after proper notification, with the following members in attendance: Chairperson Ted Becker; Committee members Fred Beaufait, Faye McDaniel and Richard Martin. Ex-officio members in attendance were: City Manager Ann Marie Townshend, Dockmaster Kelvin Sims, Parks & Marina Administrator Alison Kirk and Recording Secretary Alice Erickson.

Councilpersons Bonnie Osler and Rob Morgan and City Engineer Charlie O'Donnell were present.

Chairperson Ted Becker called the meeting to order at **2:30am**.

1. Presentation & consideration of the August 2, 2016 meeting minutes

ACTION: *Mr. Beaufait made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Martin, all voting in favor, motion carried.*

2. Status report on slip rentals for 2017 boating season

Mr. Simms reported all the seasonal slips have been rented as of April 1st. He has had five off season rentals and has started receiving reservations for the transient slips.

3. Status report on the condition and/or needed repairs for 2017 boating season

Mr. Simms reported they continue to turn over the boards on the Marina dock, and will continue to do this until the boards rot and need to be replaced. The clean out pump needs to be rebuilt. It is about 10 years old and isn't working at this time.

Mr. Becker suggested looking for grant opportunities through DNREC to replace it.

4. Report on repairs made to kayak/ paddleboard launch in spring 2017

Mr. O'Donnell reported the City and GMB will review the rail cap quality and confirm either replacement or repair with Murtech, Inc. (the boat ramp contractor). Also, the existing boat ramp bulkhead is notched down at the end; at low tides, the new floating ramps bottom out on the notched portion of the existing bulkhead. The City, GMB and Murtech are considering options to alleviate that situation.

Mr. Becker stated the Kayak Ramp project will be on the June Mayor & City Council agenda for final acceptance.

5. Discussion regarding possible hour rental along the new 30 foot dock at kayak/paddleboard launch

There was discussion about the hourly rate for the transient slips at the new Kayak Dock. There are four (4) slips- two (2) 20-feet and two (2) 25-feet. *Ms. Kirk* explained there will be two (2) free hours and after that it will be \$15 per hours.

The existing marina transient slip rate for the first three (3) hours will be:
Up to 25-feet: \$15 per hour
Up to 35-feet: \$20 per hour
Over 35-feet: \$35 per hour

OR \$2 per running foot per 24 hours

Mr. Simms stated new signs will be posted and a new payment box is needed.

6. Discussion regarding information available online to potential transient rentals

There was discussion if enough information is available online about the transient rentals and the restrooms. Mr. Becker spoke with a transient boater, Steve Blakely, who was unhappy with the services he received, specifically information on the city's website, and access to the public restrooms with related signage.

Dockmaster Kelvin Simms stated the information on the city's website is complete and easily found. He had spoken to Mr. Blakely and had given him the information he need prior to his visit.

It was determined that additional signage would be posted on the door of the restroom regarding hours opened and closed. Also, directional signs are needed along Front Street directing people to the restrooms. In addition, there needs to be a sign directing boaters to contact the police department if they arrive when the Dockmaster or his assistant is not available or after hours. *Mr. Simms* stated he will include information on the answering machine message directing people to City Hall when he is off.

7. Discussion regarding dredging in fall of 2017 to include status of required permits, contact with interested dredge and outreach to other marinas who may which to participate

Mr. Becker stated they will need to dredge again this fall. He explained Evelyn Maurmeyer is reviewing the city's permits to see if anything is needed. He feels some of the permits are still in force. The city needs to reach out to the other marinas in the area to determine if they want to coordinate dredging with the city. The mobilization fee would be prorated among the marinas that participate, but each will pay for the materials removed based on cubic yard. Ms. Maurmeyer will be doing soundings.

Mr. Martin stated the Yacht Club will be dredging this fall also but they still need to work on the permits.

8. Update on the Association of Coastal Towns regarding the Lewes Rehoboth Canal

Mr. Becker explained this group represents the seven (7) coastal towns. One of the topics is the dredging of the entire Lewes-Rehoboth Canal. In 2001 the maintenance of the Canal was transferred to the State of Delaware from the Army Corp of Engineers because there was not enough commerce/freight moving along the Canal. The Corps is only responsible for the maintenance of 1200 feet from Roosevelt Inlet to approximate the Children's Beach House. He didn't know the last time the entire Canal had been dredged. The group meets monthly and will be reaching out to the Secretary of DNREC.

Mayor Becker reported he has spoken with the State Legislators regarding the need for the Canal to be dredged in its entirety. They were not aware of this issue. Rep. Smyk is interested in getting a group together to discuss.

9. Schedule next meeting: The next meeting will be held on September 26, 2017 at 10:30am at the Net House.

10. Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:35pm to conduct a walkthrough of the improvements made to the kayak/paddleboard launch area.

Minutes submitted by

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