

Leland Township Harbor Commission Meeting
December 13 2024– 1:00 PM
Leland Township Harbor, 107 N Lake Street, Leland
Minutes

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

ABSENT: Michael Steichen, Geno Miller

GUESTS: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: (3,0)

APPROVAL OF Minutes: Minutes of the June 13, 2024 LTTC were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT: The water level is down in the harbor. All deicing equipment is installed and ready to go, two back up units are going in for repair to rehab for spares. There will be two new power pedestals installed in the spring. This will be contracted out to an electrician. There are dock boards that need replacing, also a spring job. The fluorescent lights in the harbor building are obsolete and will be turned over to led this winter.

BUDGET REPORT: An extensive review of the budget reports occurred. Harbormaster Anderson reported that the sales for the calendar year reported strong growth.

It was requested that an income line be added to the budget for the NPS dock fees.

The harbor commission would like to see detail reports from 594-850 Communication and 594-911 Workers Comp. The line items seem to be much higher than anticipated.

The HC would like the Treasurer to invest \$50K from the Harbor Money Market account in a 6 month CD. They also requested an additional \$50K from the Harbor Dredge account be invested in a 3 month CD.

The Dredge is prepped and ready for spring.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Wine & Food Festival Plan 2025:** The approval of the festival is now with the township board. The HC would like to allow Harbormaster Anderson to negotiate the financial terms with the festival organizer.
2. Recommendation that Doug Matthies be appointed to the Harbor Commission to fill the vacant spot. Also, to reappoint Geoff Niessink for another term.
3. Chair Niessink reported that he and Jeremy had an unplanned discussion with Scott Tucker of NPS regarding the lease agreement. The harbor needs to see more revenue and wishes to pursue re-negotiating the terms of the lease. The committee would like to appoint commissioners Geno Miller and Doug Matthies to work on this negotiation. Geoff

Niessink and Jimmy Munoz recuse themselves from the process as they also have business contracts with the park and feel this is a conflict of interest. The commission would like permission from the board to proceed.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion of budget workshops; Brookfield and Anderson will work on preparing for the budget for 2025-26.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion and second the meeting was adjourned at 1:56 PM

Next meeting January 17, 2025 at 1:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Brookfield