

# Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority

Douglas & Saugatuck, Michigan

April 20, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

Remote Meeting

## MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** By VanLoon at 7:10 PM
2. **Roll Call:** Present –VanLoon, North, Naumann, Klungle  
Absent – Trester  
Also Present – Douglas City Manager LaBombard, Executive Assistant Pearson,  
Deputy Clerk Howell
3. **Approval of Agenda:**
  - A. April 20, 2021 – VanLoon requested adding to 7C Meeting Location and Rotation, and adding 7F, Blue Star Bridge Naming.  
Motion by Naumann, with support from North, to approve the April 20, 2021 meeting agenda as amended. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
4. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - A. March 16, 2021 meeting minutes  
Motion by North, with support from Naumann, to approve the March 16, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
5. **Approval of Invoices:** No Invoices.
6. **Public Communications:**
  - A. Written: None.
  - B. Verbal (Limit of three (3) minutes): None.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
  - A. Township Resolution of Intent to Join KLHA: The City of Douglas took action to authorize the resolution for Saugatuck Township to join KLHA. We're now waiting for Saugatuck City to make a similar resolution.
  - B. Role of KLHA: Members present would like to table this discussion until all municipalities have members represented in the KLHA.
  - C. Recording Duties, Meeting Location, and Rotation: Members present would like to table this discussion until all municipalities have members represented in the KLHA.
  - D. Aquatic Weed Treatment: The City of Douglas has received authorized signatures from everybody that touches the waterfront in the Douglas Harbor area. The City will send out notices to everyone that is within a 300-foot radius of the waterfront for the treatments which are June and late July, early August.
  - E. Buoys: The City of Douglas DPW will clean the buoys, put new stickers on them, and they also purchased 4 – 5 new ones. They will all be installed around Mother's Day.
  - F. Blue Star Bridge Naming: Members agreed to keep this item in Unfinished Business for the next couple of meetings.

**8. New Business:**

EGLE – Kalamazoo River Draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment: It's felt that it is worthwhile and needs to be done, but it doesn't affect our end of the river that much right now. The City of Douglas put a link on their website to access the plan. There is a public comment period between April 12 and May 14, and a public meeting on April 29 at 6:00 p.m.

**9. Public Comments:** None.

**10. Reports:**

**A. Committee Reports**

**i. Harbor Safety Sub-Committee**

a. VanLoon: Has left messages with the Coast Guard to find out whether navigational lighting on the Blue Star Bridge is needed and, also, whether their approval is needed for decorative lighting. Hasn't received an answer yet from the Coast Guard but will keep trying.

**ii. Douglas Harbor Authority – LaBombard:** The DHA decided that the City take on management of the marina this year as a learning opportunity in order to get a proper bid put together to outsource the management long-term.

The new concrete apron at the top of the launch ramp at Schultz Park has been well received by the public.

There was discussion regarding the removal and replacement of dead trees along the west side of the drive at Schultz Park.

The DPW is waiting for parts for the new rowing dock at Wades Bayou before it can be installed in the water. It was suggested having a community event celebrating the waterfront area.

The rezoning of Point Pleasant from C2 to R3 to make it into a park was discussed.

The DPW will be installing a new dock at Union Street boat launch, which will be removable for the winter.

A discussion took place regarding transferring the waterfront parks oversight duties to the DHA.

**B. Staff Reports**

**i. LaBombard –** The I-196 bridge is undergoing construction, with work platforms on the underside of the bridge, so boaters need to be aware of the work going on. The City will have a conversation with the sheriff's patrol regarding proper buoy marking for navigating under the bridge.

**ii. Heise –** Not present

**iii. Frey –** Not present

**11. Authority Member Comments:** North questioned what the Point Pleasant management will entail for this year. The response was that Executive Assistant Pearson will remain the point person and Council member Jerry Donovan has agreed to assist in some of the off hours as a volunteer.

**12. Adjournment:** Motion by Klungle, with support from North, to adjourn (7:50 PM). Motion carried by voice vote.