



AGENDA
THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS
DOUGLAS HARBOR AUTHORITY
City Hall, 86 W Center St., Douglas, MI 49406
Tuesday, April 20, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** VanLoon called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Donovan, Hurley, Pattison, VanLoon, Lion
Also present: City Manager LaBombard, Executive Assistant Pearson, Deputy Clerk Howell
 - A. Election of Officers
Chairman – Motion by Pattison, with support from Lion, to approve Mike VanLoon as Chairman. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
Vice Chairman – Motion by Lion, with support from Pattison, to approve Jerry Donovan as Vice Chairman. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
Treasurer– Donovan nominated Pattison. Pattison declined. Motion by Lion, with support from VanLoon, to approve Hurley as Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
Secretary – Motion by Lion, with support from Pattison, to approve Lion as secretary. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
3. **Consent Calendar:**
 - A. April 20, 2021 Meeting Agenda – VanLoon requested that Union Street Ramp Update and Adding Parks to the Harbor Authority be added to New Business.
 - B. October 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes
Motion by Lion, with support from Hurley, to approve the consent calendar as amended.
Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
4. **Public Comments:**
 - A. Verbal (Limit of three (3) minutes on agenda items only) - None
 - B. Written Communications - None
5. **Unfinished Business:** None
6. **New Business:**
 - A. Parks
 - i. Point Pleasant
 - a. Marina Management: The City is seeking a long-term management plan for the newly acquired Point Pleasant Marina, as the City is not equipped with the necessary staff and resources to effectively manage it long-term. In order to bid it out for management next year, the City needs to run it first so that we understand what to

bid out. Transient slips at Point Pleasant were also discussed and it was decided to keep Point Pleasant as seasonal slips and encourage transients to use Wades Bayou.

Motion by VanLoon, with support from Pattison, for the City to manage the 2021 season of the Point Pleasant Marina, which includes signing up the waitlist customers, encouraging transients to use Wades Bayou, and working with member Donovan as volunteer harbormaster in compensation for boat slip #2.

Motion carried with unanimous roll call vote.

ii. Schultz Park

a. Boat Launch Apron Update – The new ramp apron should help alleviate some of the maintenance problems in the past. The ramp is done, the docks are back in, new white bumpers on the launch docks.

b. Dead Tree Removal – The City approached MDOT about the dead trees along the water and the concern about them falling toward the road, impacting traffic or people. MDOT owns the trees and said that they would cut them down, leaving the root balls in place, and they would also replace the trees. If they're not ready to do it right away, the City will go in and cut out the dead trees right away that we feel are threatening.

iii. Wades Bayou

a. Rowing Dock Update – The dock is there, but not in the water because the DPW is waiting on parts that are backordered. As soon as it's in the water, the City will let 42° N' Rowing know and coordinate with them a ribbon cutting ceremony and maybe combine it with the opening of Point Pleasant.

B. Point Pleasant Rezoning (N. Wikar) – Seeking a recommendation from Douglas Harbor Authority to proceed to rezone and seek application permits for site plan review to rezone from C2 to R3.

Motion by Lion, with support from Donovan, to grant a recommendation to seek an application to rezone Point Pleasant Marina from C2 to R3 for special use permit and site plan review marina minor.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

C. Buoy Installation – The DPW is in the process of cleaning the buoys and adding new stickers. They also bought 5 new ones that say "slow – no wake." Can possibly have them installed by mid-May.

D. Aquatic Weed Treatment – The City has received permission from every homeowner on the lakeshore. The first application will be in June and a second application in late July or early August.

E. Adding Parks to the Harbor Authority – This item was tabled as Unfinished Business for the next meeting, allowing LaBombard time to research the TIF laws and bylaws to find out whether it would be prohibitive for the Authority to add other non-water-related parks.

F. Union Street Ramp Update – The DPW found the old dock difficult to repair, so they purchased a new 4 x 30' dock which needs to be assembled and is almost ready to be installed. It will be a floating dock and able to be removed for winter. Ramp inspection is a future capital item. When the water drops enough, we will have Prein and Newhoff do an inspection.

7. Reports:

A. Authority Members – None.

B. Staff – LaBombard reported that the I-196 bridge is under construction. Work decks are suspended from the underside of the bridge which diminishes clearance for boaters. Boaters should be aware to navigate carefully going under the bridge. The contractor suggested that we should get some buoys out there indicating to people to slow down before they go under the bridge. We may reach out to the sheriff's department regarding adjusting the navigation lights.

LaBombard discussed the Running Rivers contract. It was not bid out this year due to a variety of other things the City was working on and the bid process to put that together takes quite a while. LaBombard felt it was within the purchasing policy parameters to prepare a contract renewal. At some point in the future, it will be taken to City Council to get direction on how to proceed in the future.

Motion by Lion, with support from Pattison, to recommend that we continue the contract with Running Rivers to keep it the way it is for this year and bid it out next year.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

8. Public Comments: (Limit of 3 minutes) – None.

9. Authority Member Comments: None

10. Adjourn: Motion by Pattison, with support from Lion, to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.