



**THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS  
DOUGLAS HARBOR AUTHORITY  
DOUGLAS CITY HALL  
86 W CENTER STREET, DOUGLAS, MI  
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022 – 5:30 P.M.  
MINUTES - **DRAFT****

1. Call to Order: By Chair VanLoon at 5:30 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Present - Freeman, Hurley, LaBombard, Naumann, Pattison, VanLoon  
Absent - Donovan  
Also Present - Executive Assistant, Jenny Pearson
3. Consent Calendar:
  - A. April 19, 2022, Meeting Agenda
  - B. February 15, 2022, Meeting Minutes

*Motion by Pattison, with support from Naumann, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*
4. Approval of Invoices: None
5. Public Communications:
  - A. Verbal – None
  - B. Written – None
6. Unfinished Business:
  - A. Point Pleasant Update  
Docks have been repaired, pool has been demolished, and the property has been regraded and hydroseeded. Point Pleasant development plan has been brought to Council for the budgeting process.
  - B. Schultz Park & Union Street Boat Launch Status  
All docks are in at both launch sites. New fees are in place with \$10 daily fee, \$25 resident season pass, and \$75 for non-resident season pass. Union docks received an extension, and they look great.
  - C. Rowing Dock Installation  
Rowing dock is waiting on a metal plate to stabilize it the two sections. Once stabilized it will be installed in the water. It should rest lower in the water with the new metal stabilization.
  - D. Geese Mitigation in and Around Wades Bayou  
The City is using dory poles for geese mitigation. Irrigation for Wades Bayou is on the proposed budget. If approved, a spigot and hose will help with the cleaning of the geese droppings.
  - E. Investigate Non-Chemical Aquatic Weed Mitigation

Authority suggested a sub-committee to investigate alternative options to treating the harbor for invasive species. Will keep on agenda for further discussion.

- F. No-Wake Zone Blue Star Bridge to I-196 Bridge  
The grant for more patrol was not granted for 2022. With less patrol the Authority might want to move forward with a no wake zone between Blue Star Bridge and the Interstate Bridge. Authority would like this agenda item moved to the Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority agenda for discussion with all communities.
  - G. Role of KLHA and How it May Impact DHA  
With back-to-back harbor meetings being somewhat repetitive, the Authority would like to focus more on parks and harbor fronts at the DHA while keeping KLHA strictly to shared waterway discussions. Authority members agreed to keep the Authorities separate due to all the possible developments Douglas has on the horizon.
7. New Business:
- A. Point Pleasant Boat Slip #3 (Keep or Lease?)  
Motion by Pattison, with support by Freeman, to lease out slip #3 for the '22 and '23 boating seasons to the next person on the lottery wait list. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
  - B. Aquatic Weed Treatment Dates for Harbor  
Aquatic invasive species treatment from Schultz Park to Union St. boat launch is scheduled for June 14 and July 20. Authority members would like to see it treated earlier but contractor has stated that they can't treat what they don't see.
8. Reports:
- A. Authority Members - None
  - B. Staff - None
9. Public Comments: None
10. Authority Member Comments:
- LaBombard stated that the buoys are being freshened up for installation and should be installed in mid-May.
- Pattison asked about Wayfinding signage directing people to Wades Bayou and Point Pleasant. Joyce Petters article of concerns regarding the new business going in at Wades Bayou was also asked about.
- LaBombard stated that Wayfinding is on the proposed budget for next fiscal year and the new business at Wades Bayou will be on the agenda at the next Planning Commission meeting.
- LaBombard also spoke briefly about the SCA art installation going in at Wades Bayou this summer.
- Naumann asked if the parking at Wades Bayou could be made clearer.
11. Adjournment:
- Motion by Pattison, with support from Hurley, to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 PM. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.