

February 19, 2016

Rossford City Facilities, Parks and Marina Committee meeting

In Attendance, Councilman Staczek and Councilman Marquette. Councilman Minarcin was excused. Tyler Kolb, Karen Freeman and Patty Ogdahl were also in attendance.

Meeting came to order at 3:00pm.

Items of discussion included the following:

#1. Marina opening and closing dates. The marina will begin operations on April 18, 2016 and cease operations on October 16, 2016.

#2. Marina Guards. To begin the season, there will be "day shift only" guards on May, 6th, 7th, and 8th. 24 hour coverage will begin May 9 thru October 2, 2016. "Midnight only shift" will then follow beginning October 3rd thru October 15, 2016.

#3. Banners. Decorative banners, similar to those displayed on the City's main boulevard, will be installed on the light poles at the marina. Tyler and Councilman Marquette will be looking into pricing.

#4. Fireworks. Received a letter from a North Wall dock renter expressing concern regarding debris from fireworks. He also expressed concern, via a follow up telephone call with Councilman Staczek, that there was no fire truck stationed closer to the boats during the 2015 display. This item, regarding hot debris, was brought forth at a July 2015 Council meeting by Councilman Staczek, and during the October 2015 Marina committee meeting. Burning (glowing) and/or hot debris from the fireworks fell on and around the boats in the marina during the 2014 & 2015 displays. Fuel tanks on boats freely vent to the atmosphere depending on temperature, pressure and fuel level. Any lighted debris creates an immediate safety hazard. In July 2015, Councilman Staczek discussed the issue with the Toledo based U.S. Coast Guard Commander (Aux). The USCG informed Councilman Staczek that the USCG has jurisdiction of the Maumee River, and her waterways, as they are considered Federal waterways. This includes the waters within Rossford Marina. Further, the USCG has jurisdiction of the areas above and below said waterways, which includes the air. The USCG recommended coordinating future events between our two entities. The USCG stated that any incident, damage or injury caused by the fireworks would be the liability of the City of Rossford. Councilman Staczek recommended coordinating this event with the USCG. Councilman Marquette also recommended that the Marina Committee work in conjunction with the Safety Committee to address this issue.

#5. Fishing off the tip/end of the west wall. Councilman Staczek stated that fishermen fishing off the tip of the west wall have been causing some incidents with boaters and jet skiers who are trying to enter or exit the marina. Should a fishing line get tangled in a propeller bushing, or jet ski intake, significant damage can occur. In the past fishing off the tip of this wall has been prohibited for such reasons. (Note: The restriction never really stopped. Enforcement, and signage, simply disappeared). Councilman Staczek motioned for fishing to be restricted only at this area (tip) and for new signage. (Stencil/spray paint on the metal wall was past practice). Fishing is still allowed on the outer side of the west wall near that area. Additionally, fishing is permitted along the Jennings Rd side shoreline of the park. Councilman Marquette agreed with the motion.

#6. Parking on the North wall. Councilman Staczek offered to help Tyler determine where to begin the stripping for parking spaces along the north wall.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Staczek

Chairman, City Facilities, Parks and Marina

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