

City Facilities, Parks and Marina Committee
March 10, 2014

Meeting was held March 10th at 5:15pm in the City Hall lobby.

In attendance: Jerry Staczek, Greg Marquette, Moe Minarcin, Tyler Kolb, Ed Ciecka, Chief Goss attended near the end, due to his needed presence at separate ongoing meeting.

- 1) Discussed/directed having the Public Works (PW) department weld thin gage metal to the undersides of all docks on the North wall. Currently the boaters on that wall are having problems with large amounts of birds nesting under the docks. Sealing the undersides of the docks will prevent the birds from nesting and creating a further nuisance for boaters.
- 2) Discussed/directed having the PW department raise the cleats on the North wall. When the current elevated sidewalk was constructed, consideration was not given to safe accessibility regarding present cleat locations. The added height of the sidewalk, and it's near proximity to the inner wall of the marina, created a safety concern for boaters attempting to secure their lines. Currently boaters have to balance on a narrow portion of uneven ground and lean precariously over the water to secure their vessel. The PW department will weld individual, thick metal bars (with attached cleat) to the wall of the marina. This effort will increase boater safety by raising the level and position of each cleat.
- 3) In a proactive approach to increased marina/water safety, the committee directed the PW department to purchase an additional 10 emergency throw-able life rings/with attached line. These additional life rings will be in addition to the initial 5 throw-able life rings purchased last season. They will be used for placement throughout the marina. All wall docks will have these new life ring stations. Including the outside walls, (riverside areas) of the North and West walls. Life rings stations will also be at two locations on each of the floating docks. One at the entrance and the other approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way down each floating dock. Heard a suggestion from Councilman Marquette that some life rings on the outer walls should remain in position year round as an additional safety precaution.
- 4) Continuing with a proactive approach towards marina/water safety, the committee directed the PW department to purchase (and install) an emergency rescue ladder for life saving use on the outside wall (river side) of the marina. The ladder will be near where the north and east walls meet, a favorite spot for local fishermen.
- 5) Heard from Public Works director, Tyler Kolb, that due to current department responsibilities and manpower constraints, "A" dock will not be rebuilt this season as planned. Construction will be pushed back and slated for 2015 season.

- 6) Heard from a marina guard suggesting that the Jennings road parking lot of the marina be closed at night to vehicles due to teenagers frequenting the park area. Also heard from Chief Goss a recommendation that the entire marina area, including both parking lots be closed to all persons except for people registered with boats at the marina. Councilman Staczek opposed this idea, stating that he believes access to the marina, riverfront, and surrounding areas is for the entire community's use.
- 7) Heard from a marina guard requesting a sturdy wheel barrel, large stiff broom and coal shovel for use at the launching ramps. Committee members are in favor of providing these requested items.
- 8) Heard from Tyler Kolb that the water meter at the marina needs to be re-certified. It was believed that the meter needed removed in order to be re-certified. Mr. Kolb stated that obtaining a new meter from NW Water & Sewer is possible, whereas the certification responsibility would then defer to them. However, the new meter would be smaller in size within the current confined space. Additional plumbing would then have to be contracted out to a confined space certified contractor. The City would be responsible for this cost.

**NOTE: Since discussion of this item, Mr. Kolb has found that our current meter can remain and be certified in place.

- 9) Discussed current marina rates. All rates will remain the same as last season.
- 10) Heard from Chief Goss that current manpower/marina guard levels are adequate, with no need to hire additional guards.
- 11) Discussed the need to have improved restroom facilities at the marina. The current use of port-a-potties, during the summer months in a marina environment, is not being well received. Nor was it felt that these facilities provide positive visual enhancement for the park and marina environments. This item was recommended for continued discussion with Council as a whole.
- 12) Heard from Councilman Manarcin that he would like to see items listed, ranked and followed to ensure that continued attention is properly afforded each item until closed.

Meeting ended at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Staczek
Rossford City Council
Chairman, Public Facilities, Parks and Marina Committee