

CONNEAUT PORT AUTHORITY
929 BROAD STREET
CONNEAUT, OHIO 44030
MARCH 17, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Peterson, at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: George Peterson, Bill Kennedy, Bill Kline, Mark Verzella, Tom Perkoski, Paul Gauvin and Denver Spieldenner.

EXCUSED: Motion to excuse Patrick Arcaro and Aaron Joslin by Mark Verzella, seconded by Tom Perkoski. Roll Call: George Peterson, Bill Kennedy, Bill Kline, Mark Verzella and Tom Perkoski. Motion carried.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mark Verzella to accept the minutes from the February 17th, 2022 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Tom Perkoski. Roll Call: George Peterson, Bill Kennedy, Bill Kline, Mark Verzella and Tom Perkoski. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Denver Spieldenner

Denver reported that the Corp of Engineers water prediction is six additional inches lower than last year.

Bill Kennedy discussed being contacted by a resident regarding archives of social media posts. The Port Authority may need to develop a library for archiving e-mails. The board discussed personal e-mails and how to save them. George Peterson brought up insurance with policies and procedures for cyber-threat protection.

George Peterson introduced the current administrative assistant, Sarah DeNunzio, who began working Monday, March 7th, 2022.

George Peterson and Denver Spieldenner discussed the old procedure of documenting payments and discussed new options to simplify the process.

MAINTENANCE: Paul Gauvin

Some docks in the lagoon are in poor condition. F Docks especially. Paul is looking at quotes for repairs.

Bathrooms are in the process of being repaired.

Paul commended Mammoth Incorporated for their restoration of Float N' Fly and being a helpful team to work with.

Donald Morrow has been cleaning the sandbar. Tom Perkoski noted how great it is looking, especially for how early in the year it is.

Breakwall BBQ opened for the season on Monday, March 14th, 2022.

A slide was removed from Dean Avenue Park due to safety concerns.
George Peterson noted that there is a \$25,000 insurance policy on playground equipment.

DOCKS: Denver Spieldenner

There are 163 rented docks in the Lagoon. 12 of those are jet ski docks.
There are 81 rented docks in Port Conneaut Marina. 24 of those are jet ski docks.
There are 11 open docks.
Many boaters do not want to be on B dock due to lack of stability.
Denver received a quote for replacement, the cost is around \$100,000.
The board may need to develop a new plan for boaters refusing docks based on location and what that means in terms of their spot on the wait list.
We are currently \$22,000 behind last year.

FINANCIAL: George Peterson

Bill Kline inquired about alternative credit card options. Possibly a small business visa.
\$200 in launch ramp cash petty cash used to make change.
Ticket numbers at launch ramp need to be recorded to account for every ticket and payments coming in. The attendant will turn in cash and tickets to the office.
Notes payable as of last year were \$450,000. They are coming down.
Mark Verzella inquired about the seaweed control prices to see if more funds should be allocated towards that.
Bill Kennedy inquired about the attorney fees used regarding the lease agreement with Cloven Hoof Brewery that fell through.
Receipt line items do not match up with funds on hand by \$1,030. Babs Legeza will investigate the reasoning behind this.
There was a reimbursement of \$450 to a deceased dock holder's wife.
A new financial category has been created for Fireworks funds.
The donors will be acknowledged through the press.
117 letters have been sent to individuals and businesses in the area regarding sponsorships.
George Peterson said that space will be offered to vendors for the display.
George Peterson contacted Corpus Christi Parish about having their beer wagon open at the fireworks display.
A motion was made by Bill Kennedy to accept the financial report.
The motion was seconded by Bill Kline.
Roll call: George Peterson, Bill Kennedy, Bill Kline, Mark Verzella and Tom Perkoski. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Mark Verzella to ratify payment of the current bills.
The motion was seconded by Tom Perkoski.

Roll call: George Peterson, Bill Kennedy, Bill Kline, Mark Verzella and Tom Perkoski. Motion carried.

LEASE COMMITTEE: Bill Kennedy

Breakwall Barbecue will be pressure washing their building and cleaning the grease trap.

Bill Kennedy has been working with the Conneaut Boat Club.

Port Side Marina's trash bill has increased to \$800.

There is nothing new to report with the fuel dock.

Float and Fly has been in discussion with GreatWave Communications about getting a wifi extension.