

## MARINA COMMITTEE MEETING

**DATE OF MEETING:** August 3, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. DeWitt County Building

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jay Wickenhauser – chair, Camille Redman, Terry Ferguson, Dan Matthews and Travis Houser. Also present, Dee Rentmeister, County Administrator, Joe and MaryBeth Caldwell, marina operators.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

### SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

- Robt. Thomas, current slip renter, was present to speak to the committee about several issues at the marina.
  - He currently has a boat that he had to put into an uncovered slip because it was too big for his covered slip and wants to be able to move this boat to a covered slip next year when one come open.
  - The water is not working at his slip and he brought it to Joe's attention to no avail. Joe indicated that he had a plumber coming out Wednesday of next week to fix the water problem.
  - Rented two jet ski slips and was charged \$700 each. Jet ski slip rental is \$345 each. Joe stated that they also charged him \$345 for jet ski ramps that they own. They did refund Mr. Thomas \$20 that was overcharged. Mr. Thomas indicated that he never did use the slips or ramps and that he had his own ramps but was told he had to utilize theirs. He would like to have the fee for the ramps refunded to him. Committee indicated that was between him and Joe since the ramps are owned by Joe. During discussion on the jet ski ramps it was brought to the committee's attention that the county owns one of the ramps and that the current slip renter was not charged for the use of the ramp.
  - Stated that the sidewalks need to be cleaned more often due to the geese droppings, the docks need to be maintained along with the cleats. Mr. Thomas stated that he and other renters have offered to help with cleaning. Joe needs to be checking to ensure that his workers are cleaning areas daily and several times a day if necessary.
- Brandon Jackson, current slip renter, spoke to the committee about the following issues at the marina:
  - Stated that the coffee, pizzas, kayaks and reduced gas prices are great items at the marina.
  - Indicated that he has tried to get a hold of Joe by asking MaryBeth to have Joe call him and has never gotten a return call.
  - Dock boys do not come down to the docks to clean before 9:30 in the morning. Has asked if the bathrooms could be cleaned 6-7 a.m. and was told that they can't get the boys up that early. Areas need to be cleaned earlier. Has had issues with no toilet paper being in the restrooms and also complained about the geese droppings.
  - He feels that the slip renters are not being taken care of and that Joe has been disrespectful to renters. Would like to see questionnaires sent out to the slip renters.
  - No amenities available, i.e. showers, to keep the slip renters coming back.
  - Would like to see the big trucks/trailers parking in another area. Joe stated that he could figure out somewhere else to have the bigger trucks and trailers park – possibly in the dryland storage area.
  - Raccoon problem on the docks. This needs to be taken care of immediately. Joe stated that someone was coming tomorrow to address the raccoon problem.
- Motion by Redman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Houser to approve last month's minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.
- Motion by Houser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ferguson to approve the claim. Voice vote, motion carried.
- Discussion on replacing the missing/broken dock bumpers. Wickenhauser stated that Joe should use the \$2000 that he owes to the county to purchase dock bumpers. Joe and MaryBeth both agreed to do this.
- Discussion on striping the parking lot. Will check with a couple of vendors for estimates to stripe the 3 parking lots.
- Discussion on slip 226. Wickenhauser stated that the county had emails from Joe and MaryBeth indicating the slip 226 was vacant and then in July they sent in paperwork and payment showing that they were renting the slip. Joe and MaryBeth stated that they purchased the boat last Fall. Slip rent was

due March 1 so they should pay the late fee. MaryBeth questioned whether others were charged a late fee. Dee indicated that others were charged late fees as per the slip rent agreement.

- Ferguson wondered if a checklist in the restrooms would help in keeping them properly supplied and cleaned.
- Review of the proposed budget for next year. Joe gave committee a list of capital projects for next year. No action taken.
- Discussion on getting quotes for replacing the old breakwater section. Joe is to get as many quotes and options as possible.
- Wickenhauser asked Joe and MaryBeth to give Dee a list of all transient rentals this year with a breakdown of who rented and the number of days rented. Also asked them to provide a master slip renter listing so that Dee can make sure her list matches.
- Discussion on social distancing and mask wearing at the marina. Guidelines need to be followed. Tables should be 6 feet apart and staff should wear masks when waiting on customers.
- Joe stated that the warranty breakwater should begin mid-August and that the sign is up.
- Motion by Redman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Houser to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. Voice vote, motion carried.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

Approve last month's minutes.

Approve claims.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD:**

None

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** September 8, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.