

PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION

October 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Denny Blue at 7:02pm. Present were Steve Brooks, Chuck May, Frank English, Roger Burger Jim Simons and guest Arne Johnson.

The minutes of the August 16, 2018 meeting were approved with a motion by English and second by May, with all voting in favor.

Simons reported that work on up-dating the Watershed Plan is continuing and that less than 4 acres of Phragmites was treated this fall.

Burger reported that the Bathhouse, in the park, is locked for the winter. It is mostly complete with two or three little items left on the punch list. He also reported that the Onekama Lions Club is going to build a new pavilion in the park. The Lions are finalizing the planning and will begin a fund raising effort to make this happen.

Brooks reported that the work on the channel is slowing down. The installation of the sheet piling, on the North side has stopped for the winter and the installation of the wave attenuator continues on the South side.

Steve attended the Army Corps of Engineers workshop on Permits and Processes: Working in Michigan Waters that was held on September 12th at the Charlevoix Public Library. He reported that it was mostly geared to contractors and consultants and that it was stressed that permits had to be obtained from the Corps and the DNR when working near waterways. The process for obtaining these permits takes approximately 60 days.

May reported that Congress has passed the appropriations bill with \$1.54 billion to the Corps. This 85% of the total Harbor Maintenance Receipts. The Corps has until the end of November to indicate where this money will be spent next year.

Blue reported that the Michigan Port Collaborative will be meeting in early November to discuss the study which Onekama is part of. He also reported that both the Village and Township have approved the Onekama Economic Sustainability Committee. Al Taylor and Dan Behring are co-chairs of this committee and are in the process of selecting people to be on the committee.

Mrozinski – Blue reported for Jim that the Light Structure's base still requires painting. A handout indicated that for every federal dollar spent on Great Lakes Restoration Initiative projects from the program launched in 2010 thru 2016 will produce an additional \$3.35 of additional economic activity in the Great Lakes region through 2036.

New business....May brought up the fact that we should find ways to keep good relations with the Corps and the Coast Guard.

Discussion.....none

Public comment....none

Next meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Simons