

KENT COUNTY
PUBLIC LANDINGS & FACILITIES
June 10, 2019
Meeting Minutes

I CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Kent County Board of Public Landings & Facilities was called to order by Chairman Jacquette on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 6:05PM. Those in attendance were James Jacquette, Jr., Marc Castelli, Clay Larrimore, Chuckie White and Division Chief Marty Holden.

The minutes of March 4, 2019 were approved as submitted.

II OLD BUSINESS

Skinner's Neck Public Landing – Boat Ramp Repair

Mr. Holden stated that the project was completed by Deckleman's Pile Driving within the required time frame.

Rock Hall Harbor Entrance Channel Dredging

Mr. Holden advised that an extension was requested and approved to remove additional material from the east side of the channel. The project was completed by Dissen & Juhn within the required time frame.

Sharp Street – power washing & storing equipment

Mr. Holden advised that Mr. Rick Morelock was present to discuss with the Board the power washing and storing of equipment on the pier. Mr. Morelock stated he, along with the couple of others that use the pier to wash nets, would like to work something out to be able to continue that practice. He suggested placing either steel or aluminum on the pier while washing the net to protect the pier. A Board member stated that prior to the signs being placed on the pier prohibiting

the practice, those using the pier were given a chance to utilize some type of metal plate to protect the wood, but the damages continued. Another option discussed was to drape the net over a pipe at the end of the pier and spray out into the water during the power washing, however, it was determined that a temporary metal plate on the pier would be the best possible option. It was also discussed that there is already an area on the bulkhead that would allow for power washing. After a great deal of discussion the Board agreed to allow the power washing and storing of equipment, again, on the pier provided that a metal type plate shall always be used during the power washing and that those who do power wash police the practice by others to make sure there are no further damages to the pier. The Board stated that at any time if it is determined that there is further damage to the pier, the power washing and storing of equipment will be discontinued permanently. A Board member suggested blocking off a portion of the pier when power washing occurs with either cones, caution tape or rope with flags. The Board agreed that the last 50 feet (water end) of the pier would be the designated area for the power washing to take place, with a barrier in place and the area closed off. Motion was made, seconded and agreed to allow the power washing of equipment on the pier with the agreed upon requirements of a metal plate, that is removed daily or not in use, and blocking off the area from public access while the power washing is taking place. The current signs will be changed to allow for a 15-day time limit for the storage of material on the pier and power washing with steel/aluminum plate protection that must be removed daily or when not in use.

Bayside Landing Park – boat docking along bulkhead

Mr. Holden advised that the no docking signs have been installed on the water side, and the no parking signs have been installed on the land side of the bulkhead on both sides of the statue. It was previously discussed that painted lines be sprayed on the parking lot identifying the load & unload area. The Board agreed to only paint lines on the parking lot if the signs do not correct the parking issue.

Future Projects

Quaker Neck Pier Replacement-

Mr. Holden advised that the Commissioners did not fund the Quaker Neck pier replacement project (\$195,000) in FY 2020 and have put the project on hold until FY 2021.

Turner's Creek Bulkhead/Pier Replacement-

Mr. Holden stated that \$350,000 has been approved in the FY 2020 budget for the Turner's Creek bulkhead/pier replacement and the project should occur during the upcoming winter months.

Mill Creek Dredging-

Mr. Holden advised that there has been a change in the spoils site location which required a change in the permits. Once the permits are corrected, it is anticipated that the project will be awarded to Dissen & Juhn (the low bidder) and the project will take place during the next approved dredging time frame. Mr. Holden stated that some displacement of vessels utilizing Buck Neck bulkhead during the dredging process may occur, but that Dissen & Juhn work very well with the watermen. Mr. Holden also stated that closer to that project starting, he will contact Worton Creek Marina to see if they can assist with some docking issues during the dredging project.

Bayside Landing Park-Bulkhead/Pier Replacement-

Mr. Holden stated that DNR has approved \$430,000 for this project (estimate project cost - \$1,080,000) however, the Commissioners did not fund the project in the FY 2020 budget. The DNR grant funding will be available through June 30, 2022.

IV NEW BUSINESS

Buck Neck Bulkhead

A Board member stated that he has been advised that there are some issues with boats from Worton Creek Marina being placed on the landing, as well as, employees parking on the landing. After discussion, Mr. Holden advised that he will determine the area that the county owns and bring that information back to the board at the next meeting. Mr. Holden reminded the Board that in the past Worton Creek Marina has been allowed to leave a large vessel partly on the landing through the winter months.

Slip Fee Increase

Mr. Holden advised that the Commissioners have asked every department to look at the possibility of raising rates and fees for increased revenues. They have asked that the Board look at raising the slip rental rates. This would need to be addressed at this meeting as the slip rental agreements will be completed prior to the next meeting (September). After discussion, motion was made, seconded and agreed to not increase the slip rent but to suggest raising the trailer permit fees to \$75 (if allowed by DNR) for non-residents and \$30 for residents.

V ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 16, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Fletcher