

**Huron Joint Recreation District  
Regular Board Meeting- Minutes  
Monday, April 3, 2006 at 7:30pm  
Huron Boat Basin Marina Bldg, Huron, OH**

**Members present:** Tim Golling, Chairman, Tom Solberg, Jr., Chuck Thompson, Mayor Terry Graham, Wayne Foster, Scott Slocum, Don Ritzenthaler, Dr. David Dreffer.  
Present from HPRD: Doug Steinwart, Chris Basting

**Members absent:** Steve Hohler

**Visitors to this meeting:** None

First order of business was the approval of minutes from the March 6, 2006 meeting. All were in favor. Minutes were approved.

**Audience Comments:** None

***OLD BUSINESS:***

**RECREATION MANAGER UPDATE- Doug Steinwart**

Huron Parks and Recreation will welcome our new Program Manager, Nikki Zachel, on April 24, 2006. Nikki is currently employed with the Sylvania Recreation Department and prior to that with the City of Oregon. She has 8 years experience as a Recreation Programmer and holds a degree in Recreation Administration.

Huron Parks and Recreation looks forward to having her on board and feels she is the right candidate for the position based on her education and experience.

Dr. Dreffer inquired as to her marital status, family status and relocation plans.

**SPRING CLEAN UP- CHRIS BASTING**

Saturday, May 6, 2006 10:00-12:00.

Breakfast (donated by Huron Lagoons Marina) from 8:00am-10:00am.

All volunteers will meet here at Huron Parks and Recreation Garage. After breakfast all volunteers go to their assigned areas around town (Parks, Lake Erie Electric Trail, Pier Area, Median Areas) and collect trash in bags that are provided, leaving all trash at the site for pick up by Huron Parks and Recreation team members.

Contact letters have been mailed to all past participants; calls have been placed to Schools and Church Youth Group Directors. Posters, flyers and radio announcements have been distributed. The girls Varsity Basketball Coach at the High School has already called saying that she would be interested in having the team participate.

***NEW BUSINESS:***

**SPOILS SITE UPDATE- DOUG STEINWART/CHRIS BASTING**

Doug Steinwart, Chris Basting, Andy White and Paul Berlin met with Matthew Snyder, Chief, Ohio Area Office of the US Army Corps of Engineers last week regarding the spoils site. Overall a very positive meeting. Chief Snyder looking for input from the City as to ideas of what we may want to see done with the site. Chief Snyder also mentioned that the Corps would be spending a week in Huron this summer to work on the CDF and if the City of Huron had any small projects they would like to see cleaned up or done.

In Lorain, OH a spoils site is currently being leased from the Corps of Engineers. A meeting with Rich Novak from the Lorain Port Authority will be planned next week to see what they have done with their site to get ideas and details for this area.

**WEBSITE UPDATE-DOUG STEINWART**

The City of Huron now has a new Website designer/programmer/host. Tony Zappa is working with the City of Huron to update all sites/departments. The new weather station is being worked on as well.

Discussion ensued regarding pictures of the HJRD members on the website. This can be done as a group shot or individual pictures, whichever is preferred. HJRD members to decide how they would like pictures for website.

**LIFT AT BOAT BASIN – DR. DREFFER, DOUG STEINWART**

Dr. Dreffer mentioned that he spoke with Mr. Jonathan Zmistowski regarding the possibility of installing a non-permanent lift in a dock that he would rent at the Boat Basin.

Doug Steinwart explained that he is aware of Mr. Zmistowski's desire to purchase a lift and have it installed at the Boat Basin. Mr. Zmistowski has a 38' boat, the only dockage that a lift can ideally be in would be dock #1 in the corner, near the pump out area.

The lift that Mr. Zmistowski is referring to is a non-permanent lift, everyone can get an idea of what this lift looks like by going to the website: [www.boatfloatllc.com](http://www.boatfloatllc.com).

Renting out Dock #1, for a 38' boat would bring in \$2850, which would be great.

However, a concern is there over debris that tends to collect in that area and the fact that if we allow this then what type of precedence are we setting by allowing someone to do this. How many other boaters will have requests for this or other things?

Will this lift need to be removed at the end of the season, if so what are the details. Mr. Zmistowski would need to pay for someone to remove and store it for example. Also, safety and security need to be considered in regards to adding such a thing to the boat basin.

Discussion continued regarding possibly allowing Mr. Zmistowski to install this lift for a 1 year trial period only. We may find that an additional fee will need to be charged, but that will need to be researched.

Dr. Dreffer motioned to recommend a 1 year trial period of allowing Mr. Zmistowski to add a lift(at his own expense) to Dock #1 in the Huron Boat Basin. All in favor. Motion passed.

## **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS- N/A**

## **MANAGERS' REPORT**

### **A. PARKS-Chris Basting**

Sales of Nickel Plate Passes are ahead of schedule for 2006, shelters and field rental sales are progressing well. No problems being experienced with the new field rental ordinance.

Chris thanked Don Rizenhaler for his help at Fabens Park with the preparation of Field #1. Also, mentioned to Scott Slocum that we appreciate the help the school has given us in regards to our "Huron City Wide Clean-Up". Athletic Director, Bill Needham posted our flyers in the school and spoke with all his team coaches regarding participation.

The City of Sandusky recently helped HPRD by removing a tree in Fabens Park, saving us about \$400. We in turn will be helping them with a grading project at their golf course.

### **B. RECREATION- Doug Steinwart**

Reminder to all that the Huron Lions Club will be hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast at HHS on Sunday, April 9 8am-12pm; Huron Parks and Recreation will be there with Blinky and the Easter Bunny and our Egg Hunt will begin at 1pm. Becky Wooster of John Halter Realty sponsored this event again this year. HPRD extends our thanks to: Becky Wooster, Huron Lions Club and the High School for allowing use of the cafeteria and the athletic field for the egg hunt.

Spring Soccer program began today, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The summer programs are all in place and the registrations are going well.

### **C. BOAT BASIN - Doug Steinwart**

Boat Basin recently signed a pledge to join the Ohio Clean Marina Program. This program is funded by the Ohio Sea Grant Office. By signing the pledge, the Boat Basin agrees to the Clean Marina guidelines. The pledge is for a 1-year time period. Program meets standards from the EPA. The Boat Basin will have a checklist of things to complete, then after that year period, we will be evaluated. Participating in this program may open up door to possible grants in the future.

There will be an intern this year at the Boat Basin, Jared Deville. He is an environmental health major. Because the Ohio Marina Program deals with EPA regulations this will be a good partnership for him.

A copy of the "Long Range Plan" was distributed to HJRD members as per last meeting request.

**OTHER MATTERS**

Dr. Dreffer mentioned the Huron Rotary Rib Burn Off which will be August 18 & 19<sup>th</sup>. This year Dickey's Restaurant will be added as a vendor. Bands are in place for the event.

Mayor Graham and the Board were pleased with the cooperation between our City and the City of Sandusky regarding the tree removal at Fabens Park.

Next meeting is Monday, May 1, 2006. The meeting was adjourned by an approved board vote at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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