

**MOUND DOCKS AND COMMONS COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**March 21, 2024**

The Mound Docks and Commons Commission met on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Centennial Building at 5341 Maywood Road in Mound.

Present: Chair Derrick Hentz, Vice Chair Dave Olson, Commissioners Heidi Peterson, James Vettel and Jesse Jensen and Representative Kevin Castellano

Absent: None

Others Present: Administrative Services Coordinator/City Clerk Kevin Kelly, Barry Blievernicht, Dock Inspector, Erin Wombacher, Joan Lundeen and Michael Blood.

Derrick Hentz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION**, by Hentz, seconded by Peterson, to approve the agenda. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2024**

John Verkennes who spoke during the public comments portion of the meeting questioned the meeting minutes as presented. The DCC briefly discussed the commentary and chose to not alter the meeting minutes which were submitted.

**MOTION**, by Hentz, seconded by Vettel, to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2024 DCC Meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**3. Comments and suggestions from citizens present**

No one came forward

**4. Wait List Lottery**

Commissioners Jensen and Hentz pulled name tags and Vettel recorded the order of the names drawn: The order of names and position at the end of the wait is as follows:

<b>2024 Mound Dock Program Wait List Lottery Results</b>			
1	Weed, Aaron	18	Myers, Eric
2	Boehm, Braiden	19	Prouty, Cullen
3	Jasper, Elise	20	Cocci-Stacy, John & Arria
4	Fredrickson, Christian	21	Grosskopf, Michael
5	Robinson, Lisa	22	Tomcheck, Lauren
6	Ahmed, Javaier	23	Sharp, Silas

7	Hutchson, Sharon	24	Hutchson, John
8	Wenzlick, Julianne & Matthew	25	Jaworski, Nicholas
9	Lee, Justin	26	Wolke, Josh
10	Bock, Matt	27	Japs, Ryan
11	Kaoide, Summer	28	Kroupa, Marcos & Jennifer Glaws
12	Urbonaviciute, Germante & Stonys, Romas	29	Nagel, Christopher
13	Jablonksky, Dean	30	Lange, Andrew
14	Olson, Ryan & Vivas, Kathleen	31	Cordahl, Chris
15	Mistral, Ariane	32	Sorem, Ron
16	Terwalt, Peter	33	Thon, Stephen
17	Swanson, Connor	34	Oellerich, Kelly

## **5. Cardinal Lane Right of Way Presentation**

Erin Wombacher, of the Harrison's Bay Association (HBA), 1701 Gull Lane, said the HBA is a group of residents improving the water quality of Harrisons Bay. Wombacher said one of the programs the HBA promoted last year was the use of and sale of rain barrels and again this year to improve the water quality improvement of the lake. Wombacher said the HBA is looking to partner with the City to be part of the solution for water quality. Wombacher said the HBA has received a \$25K grant from Hennepin County (HC) to put in two rain gardens to catch sediment before entering the lake. Wombacher said the HBA has selected two sites as best locations; Apple Lane and Cardinal Lane which would be the most effective areas to catch sediment. Wombacher added that the Apple Lane project is in progress and will be completed this spring.

Wombacher said the HBA has a goal to complete one more rain garden project before the end of 2024. Wombacher said Cardinal Lane was selected for the second rain garden. Wombacher said when the walking path was added to Cardinal Lane this created a situation which caused more run off. Wombacher said the neighbors call the runoff "Cardinal Creek" and it is bringing sediment through the runoff into the lake. Wombacher said their engineer has estimated the runoff at Cardinal Lane has caused 850 pounds of suspended solids entering the lake. Wombacher said HC determined there has been eight feet of erosion over the last three to four years.

Kelly said there has been significant erosion of the shoreline at Cardinal Lane. Kelly said the walking path was put in to provide access to non-abutting commons dock as the area had become nearly inaccessible over the years.

Wombacher said this would be a good opportunity to resolve the runoff issue and to remove the diseased Ash trees in the area and on the shoreline. Wombacher added that if the HBA tried to put in a garden right now it wouldn't survive as it wouldn't hold due to the runoff.

Wombacher said the HBA goal is to benefit the lake and partner with the City. Wombacher said there is \$12K in grant funds left for the rain garden but would like the addition of a sump at the end of Cardinal Lane to collect the sediment in the runoff before it enters the lake.

Wombacher presented a list of activity of the proposed partnership with the City:

- Remove Ash Trees
- Shoreline Restoration
- Repair damage done by walkway
- Put in the Sump

Wombacher said the HBA would hire a landscape contractor to do the rain garden prep with the HBA members and residents putting in the rain garden.

Wombacher said the project will become more expensive over time. Wombacher added the grant is specifically to put in a rain garden and there is only one year left to put in a rain garden.

Peterson and Castellano wondered where the sump sediment and water go to. Wombacher said the sump was something which was needed according to their engineer.

Peterson asked what the walking path was made of. Castellano said he visited the site and said the path was made with patio stones and class V gravel. Wombacher said Concept Landscaping provided a quote of \$7,500 for 30' of rip rap at Cardinal Lane.

Jensen asked what the total cost of project will be. Wombacher said she didn't have those numbers but said the Apple Lane project cost has been \$13K.

Wombacher said the HBA is looking for the City to put in the sump and take on the expense of the rip rap along with taking out the diseased Ash trees.

Vettel said is the \$12K for the rain garden only or for other areas like the sump and what does the City have to do for the project.

Kelly said if the HBA could itemize out the costs of the project that would be helpful. Kelly wondered about the removal of the Ash Trees as an expense in the list of items the HBA would like to be accomplished at Cardinal Lane. Wombacher said it was due to their being listed as diseased. Kelly said the City is not taking down all diseased Ash as there are too many and are assessed for removal on proximity to infrastructure and other factors. Kelly said the Dock Fund has already had \$7 or 8K in tree removal expenses already in 2024 out of a budget of \$60K. Kelly said the City engineer should be involved in processing stormwater management at the site.

Castellano said you can see the wash out area of the shoreline. Castellano said the HBA should get a cost summation of what is needed to deal with the runoff.

Castellano said the Cardinal Lane Right of Way and Commons are City property and should be fixed. Castellano said the HBA should provide options to the City and figure out the project cost. Castellano said it is City property which needs to be improved and the funds should come out of the dock fund.

Peterson asked if the HC grant could be extended. Wombacher said the grant is for a two-year period.

Jensen said the HBA should put together a proposal for the project with the costs estimated and what is done and do the job in phases.

Castellano said the HBA is offering up a solution to help maintain city property and the City should be thankful for it.

Kelly said the City Council wasn't too receptive when the HBA presented the sump and rain garden proposal at a meeting last season.

#### **6. 2024 Brighton Commons Rip Rap Project**

Kelly said the three abutting property owners have chosen a vendor, Concept Landscaping, for the project. Kelly added there is not a start date at the present time.

Kelly said the two of the properties, 2927 and 2933 Cambridge Lane are going with the fitted rip rap and 2945 Cambridge is going with tumbled rip rap. Kelly said the goal of the rip rap cost share is to protect the shoreline.

Kelly said the market for field stone is not expected to decrease. Kelly said he had a conversation with a shoreline restoration contractor recently who said their field stone provider is going 50 miles north of their usual area to get product.

Kelly said this was an update on the project as it was approved at the January DCC Meeting which included setting the City cost share of \$142.00 a linear foot. Kelly added he will reach out to the other abutting properties along Brighton Commons with information on the rip rap cost share process.

#### **7. Meeting Start Time Change**

Kelly said he briefly mentioned the start time change at the last DCC Meeting. Kelly said the City Council voted to change the start time of Council Meetings to 6:00 p.m. Kelly said the first meeting with the 6:00 p.m. start time will be the May 28<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Kelly said he mentioned the change in start time in the staff comments at the end of the meeting and asked for the DCC's input on the time change. The members of the DCC discussed the time change and all said the 6:00 start time would work out. Kelly said Commission Member Dave Olson is not in attendance but he did not voice any opposition to the time change during the January DCC Meeting.

**MOTION**, by Vettel, seconded by Castellano, to approve the start time of the Docks and Commons Commission meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. starting with the September 21, 2024 DCC Meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

## **8. Reports**

Castellano reported that the City received \$959K from the Federal Government with the funds going toward the water treatment plant project. Castellano said Council Members attended Day at the Capital and advocated for funding for the treatment plant with state legislators.

Peterson asked Castellano about the controversy over the Eli Hart Playground (EHP) at Surfside Park. Castellano said there was information people were passing around which wasn't accurate regarding the size of the playground. Castellano said the new playground will be a little bit larger than the current playground. Castellano said there were two sets of stakes in Surfside Park which marked the location of the playground which caused confusion. Castellano said the EHP orientation was changed to bring it closer to the parking lot and beach which allows for better use of green space.

Castellano said Spirit of the Lake Festival Committee Members had the opportunity to look over the plans for the EHP and they said the festival is going to fit into the park and are happy with the layout of the EHP.

## **9. Adjourn**

**MOTION**, by Peterson, seconded by Jensen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried.