

**APPROVED MINUTES
WATER RESOURCES & ADVISORY BOARD**

A meeting of the Water Resources & Advisory Board held on **Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Geer Conference Room at City Hall, 27600 Jefferson Circle Drive, St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

PRESENT

Chairman: Joe Claycomb

Commissioners:
Ronald Dest
Robert Krompatic
Alex Lince
Robert Michielutti, Jr.
Michael Monaghan

ABSENT

Warren Danford, excused
Glenn Sexton, Building Official, excused

ALSO PRESENT

Jim Osterhout, Building Official
Veronica Black, Recording Secretary
Don Fiander, Great Lakes Yacht Club, 23900 Jefferson
Tim Porter, Great Lakes Yacht Club, 23900 Jefferson
Tim Switchulis, 22588 Ardmore Park Drive
Annemarie Switchulis, 22588 Ardmore Park Drive
Mark Peyser, 450 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak
David Alderman, Maritime Marine Construction on behalf of 22588 Ardmore Park Drive
Veronica Paiz, 20052 Hunt Club Drive, Harper Woods
Richard Best, 12001 Harbor Place
Ross Kogel, 14008 Harbor Place

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Krompatic made a motion, supported by Monaghan to excuse Warren Danford and Glenn Sexton from the meeting.

**AYES: All
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Warren Danford, excused
MOTION: Passed**

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

4. APPROVAL OF APRIL 5, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Krompatic made a motion, supported by Monaghan to approve the April 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

AYES: All
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Warren Danford, excused
MOTION: Passed

5. **Lake Case #03-2022 – Paul Kerby Contracting Corp. on behalf of Great Lakes Yacht Club – 23900 Jefferson – Remove rebar extruding from broken concrete in existing gabion baskets above the ordinary high-water mark (OHWM). Excavate 288.78 cubic yards landward of the existing gabion seawall. Install 210.37 cubic yards of precast concrete blocks. Backfill with 279.50 cubic yards of the on-site excavated material. *Tabled from April 5, 2022 Water Resources meeting.***

Don Fiander and Tim Porter, Great Lakes Yacht Club (GLYC).

A new Water Resources application with more detail was submitted by the Petitioner. All Board members have had a chance to visit the property site. The Board thanked GLYC for granting access to the site.

Claycomb advised that the seawall elevation for a lakefront property should be at 582.2'; the proposed elevation of this project is 580.69'. This project will require a hold harmless agreement.

Michielutti expressed concerns of the block wall sinking and the foundation. Dest advised that the base of the block wall will be crushed stone. Osterhout stated he is not concerned with sinking provided that the base is 42" or greater, which it is. The representatives from the GLYC confirmed that the base has been there for 30 years, since the Marina was dug out.

Fiander confirmed that they have an agreement with the properties to the south (Harbor Place Condos) regarding the proposed construction.

Porter confirmed that soil erosion measures will be followed including placement of a silt curtain on the property during construction.

Monaghan made a motion, supported by Krompatic to approve Lake Case #03-2022 – Paul Kerby Contracting Corp. on behalf of Great Lakes Yacht Club – 23900 Jefferson – Remove rebar extruding from broken concrete in existing gabion baskets above the ordinary high-water mark (OHWM). Excavate 288.78 cubic yards landward of the existing gabion seawall. Install 210.37 cubic yards of precast concrete blocks. Backfill with 279.50 cubic yards of the on-site excavated material. *Tabled from April 5, 2022 Water Resources meeting.* With stipulation that hold harmless be signed or elevation be raised to 582.2'.

AYES: All
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Warren Danford, excused
MOTION: Passed

6. **Canal Case #05-2022 – Maritime Marine on behalf of Annemarie and Tim Switchulis – 22588 Ardmore Park Drive – On the landward side of the existing upland cut boatwell, excavate 260 cubic yards of material to enlarge the boatwell. Existing seawall is to remain in place until excavation is completed. Remove existing seawall and install 137 feet of steel seawall. Excavated materials may be used as backfill. Place 3 mooring piles in the boatwell.**

David Alderman, Maritime Marine Construction, and homeowners Annemarie and Tim Switchulis.

Claycomb stated that the Board members were able to visit the project site.

The proposed elevation of the seawall is 581.1' which is higher than the required elevation of 580.2'.

Michielutti advised that the cross-sectional drawing submitted by the contractor does not show the changing height of the wall. Alderman stated that drawing isn't to scale and that Maritime will use landscape blocks in the construction. The height of the wall will be 581.1' on the entire canal-facing side of the wall. The excavation will take place before the house is built to remove the dirt and they will use a barge to get the old wall off site.

Krompatic made a motion, supported by Monaghan to approve Canal Case #05-2022 – Maritime Marine on behalf of Annemarie and Tim Switchulis – 22588 Ardmore Park Drive – On the landward side of the existing upland cut boatwell, excavate 260 cubic yards of material to enlarge the boatwell. Existing seawall is to remain in place until excavation is completed. Remove existing seawall and install 137 feet of steel seawall. Excavated materials may be used as backfill. Place 3 mooring piles in the boatwell.

**AYES: All
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Warren Danford, excused
MOTION: Passed**

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

The issue of site access was discussed. It is the responsibility of the petitioner to assure that Board Members have access to a project site prior to the Water Resources meeting.

Krompatic made a motion, supported by Monaghan to edit the Water Resources application to highlight the statement that petitioners are required to grant Board Members site access prior to the meeting. Failure to provide access to secured properties (i.e. an access code) will result in the case being tabled and project delayed.

**AYES: All
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Warren Danford, excused
MOTION: Passed**

Claycomb advised all Board members wear a nametag for identification during site visits.

8. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Veronica Paiz introduced herself as a Harper Woods City Councilperson who is running for state representative. She attended to learn more about the Water Resources Board and responsibilities. She explained that there is a shared water interest in the district for which she is running.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Monaghan made a motion, supported by Krompatic to adjourn the meeting.

**AYES: All
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION: Passed**

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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