



ACME TOWNSHIP
Marina Advisory Committee
Monday, October 20, 2008, 3:00 p.m.
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm

Members present: J. Aukerman, J. Olson, P. Parker, S. Vreeland, Township Manager
B. Zucco
Members absent: B. Boltres, R. Ehardt
Staff present: N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

The committee met at the East Bay Harbor for a tour of the facilities. Harbormaster, Bill Purvis, conducted the tour. Pat Salathiel also joined the group.

Before braving the chilly winds outside, Purvis, gave a brief history of the Marina. It was built in 1976 with 72 slips. At that time there was a local business that did cement casting and they did the work at this marina as well as Elmwood and Harbor West Marinas. Purvis said the marina is set up on cement post being the main structure with cement beams going across to main docks. Main docks are supported by concrete in most cases, Purvis said, but with deterioration some have been replaced. In 1985 the water levels rose above E deck and at that time the wooden decking was installed. The bay also froze that winter causing the goal posts to crack. Also the finger piers got cracks in them. Parker commented that slip owners are responsible for the finger docks. He wasn't aware of that when he first purchased his slip. The finger piers are made out of cast concrete. Zucco asked if the Marina was set up like a condo association and Vreeland said it was actually set up like a corporation. There are a total of 72 slips and each lease is equal to an ownership interest in East Bay Harbor Company in the amount of one/seventy-second (1/72) of the company. Zucco asked if there were by-laws. Parker will email the documents to Vreeland. He also asked if there is a legal description. Vreeland said there is one parcel number assigned to the Marina with one legal description. There is a Bottomlands lease held in trust by the State of Michigan. Vreeland said East Bay Harbor owns the beach, playground, volleyball courts and the parking lot. Olson commented that the parking lot has at times had an overflow of water. Purvis was told because of the location of the gas tanks there is a drain pipe on the other side of the road that MDOT installed to help with the overflow of water.

Olson asked about the outside wall of the Marina. Purvis said it was a corrugated inter-locking wall about ¼ inch in thickness. Personally he wished the steel was thicker. Olson asked what the condition of the outer wall was to which Purvis replied he did not know. Purvis commented that the electrical was updated in 1999.

Purvis talked about floating docks at Clinch Park. At the Elk Rapids Marina they are not floating just adjustable. Purvis commented that floating docks are the state of the art.

Purvis maintains four air compressions through the winter. Ice will push wood posts. He has seen them go as far as ten feet.

Aukerman asked Purvis if there was a Harbormaster association or group. No, there is not.

ADJOURNED AT 4:00 pm