I. Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Darcy Dye (Chair), Claire Groenevelt, Kristen Horine, Nancy Meyers, Lee Schuitema, and Susan Petrus (Village Council Liaison).

Absent: Dan O’Keefe (Vice-Chair)

Also Present: Chris Burns (Village Manager), and Maryann Fonkert (Deputy Clerk)

II. Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Schuitema, second from Groenevelt, to approve the agenda as amended to include discussion re: On the Path Yoga donation. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5  No: 0

III. Approval of the Minutes: Motion by Meyers, second from Groenevelt, to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2022, regular meeting as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5  No: 0

IV. Finance Reports – Burns reviewed the finance reports with the Board. Year end budget adjustments were completed before June 30, 2022. Burns stated that the total funding at year end from the boat launch initiative is comparable to the 2017-2018 fiscal year at $6,200.

Concerns were expressed regarding the Department of Public Works employee distribution between the Village and the Township. Burns explained that that staff is shared between the Village and the Township.

V. Boat Docks and Launch

Transient Boat Slips - The Board discussed $10 transient boat slips for any individuals wishing to dock their boats in the Village docks. It was determined by the Board both Village and transient boaters would be required to pay the $10 fee for anything longer than a bathroom break.

The Board discussed the need for signage around the docking area explaining the docking procedures and fees.

Meyers brought up the possibility of offering Village residents the option of a discounted “Seasonal” Transient pass for $25. The Board discussed this option and set aside for future consideration.

Fishing from the Docks - Meyers brought up the public fishing that has been occurring from the public docks and kayak launch.
The **Board** discussed the complaint included in the agenda regarding teenagers fishing later into the night from the docks and being unnecessarily loud, disrupting immediate neighbors.

**Meyers** stated that historically fishing from docks was prohibited by the village. The **Board** discussed the effectiveness of prohibitory signage to address this problem.

**Geese on the docks - Groenevelt** brought up that the presence of geese on the docks has become increasingly problematic. **Burns** acknowledged that this may be the result of treating grass in these areas with “Goose Be Gone” products, pushing the geese to the hard surfaces. The **Board** discussed monitoring the cleanliness of the docks more closely and power washing more frequently as a solution to the goose waste problem.

### VI. Miscellaneous Parks Updates

**Tanglefoot Park - Meyers** announced the first successful reservation of Tanglefoot Park on Sunday July 3, 2022.

The **Board** discussed the need for a gate that separates the gathering area of the park from the bathrooms; as well as, increased signage, including but not limited to: No smoking signs & Restroom Signs. Extending the mural around the side of the pump station was also discussed.

**Meyers** also addressed the delayed arrival of outside furniture that was ordered in October 2021. **Burns** stated that this is due to the supply chain issues resulting from the pandemic.

The **Board** discussed policies and procedures to be put in place around the fireplace to best provide public safety and enjoyment.

The **Board** discussed complaints that had been received about adults and dogs being sighted on the splash pad; and, asked about water quality and whether the Splash pad should be disinfected.

The **Board** noted that vendors at the farmers market were seeing increased business that correlates to the popularity of the Splash Pad.

**Women’s Christian Temperance Union Fountain - Groenevelt** asked about the status of the restoration of the fountain and its potential future location. **Burns** noted that the fountain needed interior parts need replaced before it could be placed, and she is working with **Horine** to determine its future location.

**Central Park Pickleball Courts - The Board** discussed the addition of picnic tables or a bench near the pickleball courts to provide a space for those not playing or waiting their turn. They discussed the relative success of the improvised Sunshade awning near the courts and the possibility of further exploring additional measures in the future.

### VII. Communications

The **Board** discussed the spreadsheet **Stepanian** put together in regard to transient boating slips and boat launches for the 2022 season within the Village.

### Tree Board Meeting

### VIII. Village Cove Marina Complaint

Chairperson **Dye** discussed how the cyclical droughting in the area can result in increased debris being generated by stressed trees; and she proceeded to detail the benefits the cottonwood trees provided the environment and their contribution to the riverbank stability.
The Board discussed the procedure that would need to be followed if the Village moved to remove the problematic trees or existing deceased trees, which involves explicit clearance from the State of Michigan, per tree.

IX. Miscellaneous Items

The Board discussed the complaint regarding the “butchering” of residential trees by Consumer’s Energy subcontractors. The Board acknowledged a less than satisfactory trimming of village trees. Chairperson Dye suggested that Mr. William Fischer, who lodged the complaint, be contacted with conciliatory remarks from the Village.

X. Public Comment

Jim Burk, Village Cove Marina, requested that action be taken regarding the dead trees in the area surrounding Village Cove Marina and the difficulty of dealing with the yellow debris produced by the cottonwood trees.

David Porter, 900 W. Savidge, also spoke regarding the cottonwood trees.

Jim Burk, Village Cove Marina, expressed concern towards local geese on the docks.

William Werner, 433 Buena Vista Dr., expressed continued concern regarding discourteous bikers traveling at high speeds around walking pedestrians on the trails.

XI. Board Member Comments – N/A

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Groenevelt, second from Meyers, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5  No: 0

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Darcy Dye, Chair     Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk