

**Irondequoit Bay Technical Staff  
Technical Staff Meeting  
Zoom Meeting  
May 27, 2021**

**Present:** Mike Allen, Chairman, Steve Olufsen, Monroe County Department of Planning and Development, Clement Chung, Monroe County Department of Environmental Services, Andy Sansone, Monroe County Department of Environmental Services, Jarrod Rock, United States Coast Guard, Matthew Riesberg, United States Coast Guard, Robert Call, NYSDEC, Kelly Emerick, Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation, Bob Kiley, Town of Irondequoit, Kerry Ivers, Town of Irondequoit, Jim Costello, Town of Penfield, Mike O'Connor, Town of Penfield, Josh Artuso, Town of Webster, Allison Mayer, Mayers Marina, Jane Shafer, Newport Yacht Club

**A. Introductions:**

Chair: Mike Allen  
Scribe: Steve Olufsen

**B. Water Level Update:**

- Steve Olufsen reported that as of May 26<sup>th</sup> the Lake Ontario water level is at 245.15 ft, which is lower than the historical average (246.26 ft) at this time of year. The mean outflow was 8080m<sup>3</sup>/s versus an average of 7700m<sup>3</sup>/s.

**C. Review of last month's meeting notes and agenda:**

- The notes were accepted as written.

**D. Mooring on Irondequoit Bay**

- Kerry Ivers shared an application she received for mooring on Irondequoit Bay by the Rochester Canoe and Paddle Club. The mooring would be used for a sailboat with a keel. A joint application would be alright with DEC for the mooring. They have currently not received an application yet. Josh Artuso noted that he recently went through the mooring permit process and had to get planning board approval. Rob Call also mentioned there might be a need for a lease through OGS.

**E. LWRP Application for Dredging**

- Kerry Ivers shared an application she received for dredging on Irondequoit Bay. The property was located at 1372 Bayshore Blvd and was for the dredging of a private dock. Rob Call said the application is currently under review.
- Jane Shafer asked if DEC has any issues with the removal of debris by a dock. Rob Call said if your raising a few small items it's generally ok, if they are larger items or dredging involved then DEC would have to be involved.

**F. Project Updates and Reviews:**

• **Irondequoit –**

- Bob Kiley updated the board on the Irondequoit Bay State Marine Park.
- The State Marine Park project is 95% complete with just the Pavillion installation (lumber supply issues) and minor topsoil and signage. Improvements included the new parking lot with an increased 3ft elevation, transient floating docking (open all day but no overnight docking) and new boat ramps. Bob thanked Rob Call for helping them fast track the permitting process.
- Allison Mayer asked about who will be staffing the Marine Park.
- Bob said there will be 3 seasonal staff on site from 7:30am until 7 or 8pm and there is a 6 dollar fee to use the boat launch.
- Allison mentioned that the US Fish and Wildlife service recently used her docks as they were conducting research and monitoring herring populations along with the Ciscos.

- Allison said there was an issue with logs at the east end of the bay. The Burrows Brothers helped out in removing the logs.
  - Kerry Ivers gave an update on permits. There are some dock and breakwall repair permits that received DEC approval and they are now working through the town permits.
  - Sutters Marina is looking to replace the storefront facility.
  - 975 Empire Blvd RT Masters is looking to take down the existing building and replace with an elevated building.
  - Rob Call provided an update for DEC. They are about to issue a permit at 688 Seneca Road.
  - Dredging will start around mid July for the Irondequoit Bay outlet channel and approx 8,700 cubic yards will be dredged out of the navigation channel and a portion near the Marine Park.
  - Reviewing a permit for Schnackel Drive dock replacement permit.
- **Penfield –**
    - Jim Costello provided the Penfield update. They are finalizing the certificant of occupancy for the 98 unit apartment building at 1384 Empire Blvd. to be known as the Bellagio.
    - Brody's on the Bay has opened and will be the new restaurant at South Point Marina.
    - They will be monitoring the traffic impact.
    - Jim mentioned there is a proposal to do timber harvesting and asked Rob if DEC has received any application. Rob was not aware of any application for around the Empire Blvd area. Jim was concerned as there are steep slopes in the area.
    - Mike O'Connor said there were no new updates on the Penfield REDI projects.
  - **Webster –**
    - Josh Artuso updated the group on the 4 REDI projects.
    - Working on finalizing the parkland alienation process to accommodate Lake Road and make more flood resilient wall to Sandbar Park before the NYS Leg. in June.
    - Sandbar Park project has an April 2022 start date.
    - The Town Board is having a workshop tonight about the REDI projects.
    - Castaways on the Lake - REDI grant to replace the bay side breakwall
    - Lake road pump station project ongoing
    - Dock and break wall replacement is in the works for Stoney Point.

## **G. Other:**

### **United States Coast Guard – Chief Jarrod Rock**

- Chief Rock introduced Chief Matthew Briesburg who will be the new Officer in Charge at the USCG Rochester Station. The IBTS group thanked Chief Rock for his help, expertise and service to the group. Jim Costello thanked Chief Rock for a phenomenal job. Last year due to the pandemic Chief Rock provided an USCG boat for the groups annual Irondequoit Bay boat tour.

### **Harbor Management Plan Update:**

- The plan is almost complete with updates being added for the water quality and stormwater sections. We will share a draft with the group once completed.

## **H. Next meeting – The meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**Parking Lot:** None

**Meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M.**