

State Eyes Marina Fee Structure

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boaters, fees for transient boaters are based on daily use and are consistent around the state, regardless of the district in which a given marina lies. Each marina charges either a standard fee or a premium fee based on whether boaters can reserve slips through the DNR's Central Reservation System (CRS). Premium rates are \$3 higher than standard rates.

Changing transient fee structures to reflect varying levels of services at each marina could help rustic facilities such as Naubinway's from

being bypassed by transient boaters, also. The only downside to changing the current system, Mr. Herta speculates, would be the potential to confuse boaters. Now, a Lake Michigan boater traveling along the Upper Peninsula shoreline will not encounter transient rates that vary more than \$3.

At any rate, he noted, the guiding philosophy is to avoid competing with private marinas. Each year, the DNR conducts a survey to discover what local, private facilities are charging, and state prices are set accordingly.

Village Council Questions Appointment

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At last week's village council meeting, Trustee Jeff Hingston said he had received "a handful of complaints" from residents upset by Father Williams' appointment, and the board discussed letters sent to the village and Governor Granholm by Kenneth Teysen. Mr. Teysen served as a Republican member of the bipartisan commission for 32 years and said he was instrumental in getting the 1958 amendment passed. He was the second commissioner to represent the village on the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, after a five-year stint by Neil Downing. Mrs. Jaggi was the third.

Mr. Teysen's letter to Governor Granholm stated, "I have known Father Williams and his parents for at least 25 years and think highly of them. Having said that, the following are the reasons I strongly object to his appointment to the commission and ask that you reconsider it: "He does not live here full time or even most of the time. He has not participated in the affairs of the village, local governmental agencies, civic or community organizations, or even St. Anthony Catholic Church."

Mr. Teysen pointed out that, prior to 1958, the village had no representation on the Commission, and Mackinac City had no input concerning Fort Michilimackinac and Michilimackinac State Park, the village's biggest tourist attractions.

Although Father Williams owns house in Mackinac City, Mr. Teysen called this a "technicality" that will cause Mackinac City to "revert to pre-1958 status."

Mr. Heilman agreed, saying that Father Williams has been a registered voter there for less than two years, and in appointing him to the park commission, the governor "followed the letter of the law, but not the spirit of the law."

Father Williams said he has lived in the village full time for the past three years, owned a house there for 10 years, and that his parents lived in Mackinac City for 35 years.

He added that he has not been involved in the village's civic affairs for professional reasons.

According to the practices of the Catholic Church, he said, it would be inappropriate for him to become heavily involved in someone else's parish, unless he were requested to do so or unusual circumstances arose. Therefore, he became active

in civic life in the community surrounding Ste. Anne's Catholic Church on Mackinac Island, where he served for 15 years prior to his recent appointment to St. Ignace.

"I would love to represent Mackinac City," Father Williams said. "This is my home town. I'm not a businessman or someone with a lot of money. I'm a man of the people. If I am allowed to represent the village, I would love to do it."

Father Williams added that he plans to retire from the priesthood in several months, at which time he will be free to immerse himself in the civic affairs of the village. He also acknowledged that he would consider resigning if the village insists he do so, but he emphasized that he has an intimate knowledge of the workings of the parks under the jurisdiction of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission.

Governor Granholm is happy that Father Williams has agreed to serve on the park commission, said Liz Boyd, the governor's press secretary. No one in Mackinac City, she noted, "proactively expressed an interest in serving on the commission, and the Governor does not make a habit of reappointing Engler appointees."

She noted that the Mackinac Island Community Foundation recognized Father Williams for his community service while on Mackinac Island, and that his experiences in St. Ignace will also benefit the commission by building a bridge between it and the community.

"He brings a wealth of experience and relationships to this appointment," she said.

"Father Williams is an outstanding individual who has demonstrated a commitment to Mackinac Island, where he served as a parish priest, and now has demonstrated a commitment to Mackinac City, where he has chosen to make his residence," Ms. Boyd said. "He will be an outstanding member of the commission and will represent Mackinac City well. His relationship with the St. Ignace community is a bonus that his appointment brings to the commission."

The seven-member commission meets about five times a year and commissioners are appointed for six year terms. In addition to Mr. Cawthorne and Father Williams, commissioners include Karen Karam, Laurie Stupak, Richard A. Manoogian, Joan Porteous, and Frank Kelley.

Residents Share Zoning Concerns

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"This opens us up to a lot of building."

Residents, she said, are outraged at the prospect of rezoning and want both areas left as they are.

Another resident predicted that a zoning change could allow the construction of a marina on Brevort Lake, but Mr. Spencer said this would not be allowed under either zoning designation. The two types of businesses allowed by primary coastal growth zoning, but not secondary, are boutiques and golf courses, he said.

Mrs. Ford pushed strongly for an immediate decision, but Supervisor Jim Durm insisted the township board should not override the

authority of the planning commission, which has not yet studied the matter or recommended a course of action to the township board.

"I don't believe anyone on the planning commission or this board would recommend changing anything that wouldn't be generally accepted within the communities you have there," he added.

There may be other ways that residents can further develop their property. Changing the amount of development allowed in secondary coastal growth areas from five to 20 percent could be a better course of action than rezoning, Mr. Spencer said. It would enable residents to expand without seeking a variance, which the township would now likely deny.

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