



City of Gladstone, MI

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Staff Report

Agenda Date: April 22, 2024 Eric Buckman, City Manager: _____

Department: Parks and Recreation Department Head Name: Robert Brown

Presenter: Erick Buckman Kim Berry, City Clerk: _____

This form and any background material must be approved by the City Manager then delivered to the City Clerk by 4:00 PM the Tuesday prior to the Commission Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Establishment of a Land Based Mooring Field

BACKGROUND: This proposal aims to establish a summer Land Based mooring field to benefit both the community and Gladstone Sail School. Objectives include providing convenient boat storage for community members and generating revenue for the Sail School by utilizing the South Facing sandy beach in front of the Sail School Shed.

Objectives:

1. **Convenient Boat Storage:** Accommodate small boats for community members seeking easy access to water for recreational purposes.
2. **Revenue Generation:** Rent mooring slips to create a consistent revenue stream for the Sail School.

FISCAL EFFECT: Set fee of \$200 per mooring site, Five mooring sites for a potential total of \$1000.00.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Supplied with packet.

RECOMENDATIONS: Based on the analysis of the proposal, it is recommended that the commissioners approve the establishment of the summer mooring field as outlined in this report immediately.

Small Boat Land Based Mooring Proposal

Proposal: Establishment of a Land Based Mooring Field for Community Members and Revenue Generation for Gladstone Sail School

Introduction: This proposal aims to address the needs of both the community members and the Gladstone Sail School by establishing a summer mooring field. The primary objectives are to provide convenient boat storage for community members with small boats and to generate a sustainable revenue stream for the Sail School. By utilizing the South Facing sandy beach in front of the Sail School, we can offer an accessible and secure location for boat storage, benefiting both parties involved.

Objectives:

- 1. Provide Convenient Boat Storage:** Establish a summer mooring field to accommodate small boats such as sailing dinghies and small fishing boats for community members. These boats may be too small or unpowered to justify a marina slip but require easy access to the water for recreational purposes during the summer months.
- 2. Generate Revenue for Sail School:** Rent out mooring slips to community members, thereby creating a consistent revenue stream for the Gladstone Sail School. The generated funds will contribute towards the maintenance costs of the school's facilities and the salaries of seasonal workers involved in teaching activities.

Proposal Details:

Location: The proposed mooring field will be situated on the South Facing sandy beach in front of the Sail School, away from the primary activities of the school which predominantly utilize the east-facing beach of "Mary's Cove".

Infrastructure: Five individual anchor points will be installed above the high-water mark, which individuals can use to secure their watercraft. This setup ensures minimal disruption to the beach and surrounding environment while providing a secure mooring solution.

Fee Structure: A set fee will be implemented for the use of the mooring field, which individuals must pay before utilizing the facility. The fee structure will be designed to be reasonable and competitive, considering factors such as boat size and duration of use.

Benefits:

Convenience: Community members will have access to a convenient and secure storage solution for their small boats, enhancing their recreational experiences on the water.

Revenue Generation: The establishment of the mooring field will create a sustainable revenue stream for the Gladstone Sail School, supporting its operational expenses and the salaries of seasonal workers.

Environmental Considerations: By situating the mooring field above the high-water mark, we minimize the environmental impact on the beach and surrounding ecosystem.

Conclusion:

The establishment of a summer mooring field presents a mutually beneficial opportunity for both the community members and the Gladstone Sail School. By providing convenient boat storage and generating revenue for the Sail School, this initiative contributes to the overall well-being and sustainability of the community. We look forward to your support in implementing this proposal.



GLADSTONE SAIL SCHOOL BEACH LAND MOORING

Assigned Slip #

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____ Boat Name: _____

Boat Make: _____ Power Sail Year: _____

Beam: _____ feet. Length: _____ feet (*Including Platform*)

Draft: _____ feet Registration No: _____

Insurance Company: _____

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WAIVER OF LIABILITY

In considering for the foregoing, I for myself, my executors, administrators, and assignees, do hereby release and discharge all sponsors, coordination groups, volunteers, and any individual associated with this contract for mooring of watercraft, from all claim of damages, demands, actions, and whatsoever in a manner arising or growing out of my lease with the City of Gladstone, Gladstone, Michigan.

I (we) the undersigned have read and understand the policy and procedures for the Gladstone Municipal Marina and agree to abide by the policies and procedures and all other local and state laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Gladstone Municipal Harbor 2024 Seasonal Land Mooring Slip Information

The Gladstone Municipal Harbor is scheduled to open May 14, 2024. Attached is the paperwork for your intent to rent a **Land Mooring space** for the 2024 boating season. A Land Mooring space has been assigned to you on the Sail School Beach and it is denoted on the top of the Slip Agreement. *As a Land Mooring user, it is your responsibility to ensure your watercraft is secure to the shoreline to prevent damage to other boats. Anchoring points will be provided by the city.* If you are **not** interested in Land Mooring your boat with the Gladstone Marina this year, please call or email the Recreation Department at 906-280-6176 so the spot may be reassigned. There is a list of boaters awaiting a spot.

The rules, regulations and procedures are available on our website at www.gladstonemi.org on the Harbor page. Please read before sending in your Seasonal Boat Slip Agreement.

The cost of your assigned Beach Mooring slip for 2024 is \$200. Balance is due by **March 31, 2024**. If not paid in full by March 31 payment due date, a 7% penalty will be assessed. **After May 1, 2024, the slip will be considered a vacant slip and will be offered to other slip holders or assigned to persons on the waiting list.**

Please contact the Recreation Department at 906-280-6176 with any questions or Robert Brown by email at rbrown@gladstonemi.org.

Payment may be mailed to Gladstone City Hall or dropped off in person. Hours are 9:00 to 4:00 Monday through Friday. Payments will not be taken over the phone.

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RETURN THIS PORTION WITH PAYMENT
With Dock Slip Agreement
Seasonal Harbor Dockage

Name:

Slip #

Balance Due: \$ 200.00

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Proposed Location