

ESCANABA HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JANUARY MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019: 5:00 PM
City Hall, Council Room, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Gregg Bruff, Board members Marilyn Kinsey, Alex Sundstrom and Jaimee Tourangeau

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Peggy O'Connell Schumann, Council Liaison

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry Gravatt, Harbor Master
Brooks Bougie, Recreation Office Assistant

PUBLIC PRESENT: Don Victorsen

APPROVAL/CORRECTION(S) TO: Meeting minutes of October 9, 2018; motion to approve as written by Marilyn Kinsey, seconded by Jaimee Tourangeau, motion carried unanimous.

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

4a) Chemicals being used in the Harbor.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

N/A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

PUBLIC HEARINGS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Update on Dock 2 Replacement.** Harbor Master Gravatt updated the board on the Progress of the dock replacement project, stating that he has been in contact with Bintner Engineering about engineering plans; Gravatt stated that Bintner Engineering has submitted the Plans to Waterways for approval. They have also received the DEQ permit for the project. The next step is the bidding process. Gravatt stated that the project as of now is still on schedule with the original timeline and the finish date is June 1, 2019. Gravatt also stated he met with the electrical contractor to review plans and bids will be accepted in two weeks.
2. **Review of New Signage for Slips.** Harbor Master Gravatt explained to the board that when pier 2 is complete it will have to include signage; all current docks have signage including slip numbers.

Gravatt stated that he was looking into signage that is more permanent. He is currently working with Todd Hurley from Hurley Marine to manufacture the new signage for the Marina. Gravatt stated he needed a motion to move forward with the signage project. Maryilyn Kinsey motioned to approve, seconded by Greg Bruff, motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Update on Events for this summer.** Harbor Master Gravatt reviewed the potential boating events at the Harbor for this summer. Chairperson Bruff mentioned as of right now there is a tentative plan to have a tall ship come into the Harbor this year (August 1st and 2nd) as part of an educational series hosted by Clear Lake Education. The name of the boat is Utopia and it is a 77' boat. Gravatt stated that it might have to be docked at the municipal dock as there is potential of another series of boats being in the area at the same time.

Gravatt stated that Marina Fest is scheduled for the last Saturday in July once again, which falls on the 21st this year. Gravatt has been in contact with potential bands and vendors and will update as soon as more information comes in.

- 4. General Discussion.** Harbor Master Gravatt wanted to review the seasonal rates for 2019, stating that the rates have remained the same for the past five years. The transient fees and seasonal fees will be increasing this year. Gravatt stated that he has to look into the rate increase for the transient fees and will let the board know when he gets some numbers. As for the seasonal rates the board agreed to raise the rates an average of \$50.00 for a 30ft boat and Gravatt will figure out what that averages out to for each size slip. Gravatt stated that he has to have the numbers into Waterways by next week, so the rates will be set for the year. Gregg Bruff motioned to approve the rate increase for 2019, seconded by Alex Sundstrom, motion carried unanimously.

Boardmember Tourangeau was looking for information on what type chemical was being used to kill the weeds at the harbor. He stated that someone had approached him to write an article on the chemicals being used in the harbor and how it is possibly affecting the fishing, whether it be good, bad or indifferent.

MISCELLANEOUS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Victorsen stated that he feels the chemicals being placed in the Harbor are affecting the fish in the harbor and that the fishing has not been like it has been in the past.

COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Marilyn Kinsey motioned for adjournment, seconded by Alex Sundstrom. The motion carried unanimously at 6:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Gravatt, Harbor Master

Gregg Bruff, Chairperson

Date