

ESCANABA HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AUGUST MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017: 5:00 PM
City Hall, Council Room, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Patricia Baribeau, City Council Liaison, Boardmember Jaimee Tournageau

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry Gravatt, Harbor Master
Brooks Bougie, Recreation Office Assistant
Patrick Jordan, City Manager

PUBLIC PRESENT: N/A

APPROVAL/CORRECTION(S) TO: Meeting minutes of June 13, 2017 (Not an Official Meeting); motion to approve as written by Alex Sundstrom, seconded by Marilyn Kinsey, motion carried unanimous.

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

N/A

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Discuss the Season ending Operation Report.** Harbor Master Gravatt reviewed the 2017 year end Operations reports. The report touched on the amount of fuel (gas & diesel) purchased by boaters coming in and out of the marina. He explained the majority of the fuel purchased was from the transient boaters coming into the harbor. Gravatt reviewed the number of registered boaters the marina had this year (81) compared to 2015 and 2016. He stated that with Fayette being open this year and 2015 (closed in 2016) has helping with the overall number of transient boaters and fuel purchases.

2. **Discuss Upcoming Waterways Application and Dock Replacement.** Harbor Master Gravatt touched on the Waterways application that will be submitted in the near future. He stated that he has been in contact with the Floatation Dock Company and Coleman Engineering, in regards to a project cost. Gravatt then stated that Waterways in usually particular in using Floatation Docks to for the removal and installation of the new docks but as far as the design and layout of the project, that would be up for bid. Mr. Gravatt appealed to the board on which size docks they would like to see added during the project. He stated that the most popular size docks were 30' and 35' docks; in which the board agreed with. Chairperson Bruff asked if the pedestals are out there and just a matter of selecting them or is there a certain one that is needed. Harbor Master Gravatt explained that GFI will be required throughout the Marina upon completion of the project.
3. **Usage of Small Boats in the Harbor.** Harbor Master Gravatt discussed on the topic of fee changes specifically as it pertains to smaller boats of 24' or less. He presented the board with numbers and the board was in agreement that the numbers and how the fees were calculated seemed fair. Gravatt stated that this will help with bringing in more revenue to the marina as it will attract smaller boats such as fishing boats.
4. **Kayak Dockage.** Chairperson Bruff explained to the board that he recently attended a demo at Clear Lake for the disabled in regards to Kayaks. Bruff stated that the mechanism was called an EZ Lift which helps the disabled in and out of the rivers and kayaking areas. Bruff explained that there are already two set up in the U.P., with one being on the Autrain River, which is a popular Kayaking destination in the area. Boardmember Kinsey asked Harbor Master Gravatt if this is something that Waterways would help fund and he stated he was not sure but said that it might be something the Delta/Menominee Health Department might help fund.
5. **Open Discussion.** N/A

MISCELLANEOUS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Marilyn Kinsey motioned for adjournment, seconded by Alex Sundstrom. The motion carried unanimously at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Gravatt, Harbor Master

Gregg Bruff, Chairperson

Date