

ESCANABA HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Meeting Minutes

The Escanaba Harbor Advisory Board held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room at the Civic Center, 225 North 21st Street, Escanaba, MI 49829.

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Crystal Porior, Boardmembers Leslie Walch, Joshua Anthony and Steve Sager

OTHERS PRESENT: Recreation Director Kim Peterson and City Council Liaison Karen Moore

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Bleau

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

APPROVAL/CORRECTION(S) TO MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

A motion was made by Boardmember Anthony, seconded by Boardmember Walch, to approve the meeting minutes of September 12, 2023. Motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Chairperson Porior, seconded by Boardmember Anthony, to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

PUBLIC HEARING – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2024 Seasonal Rates

A motion was made by Chairperson Porior, seconded by Boardmember Walch to approve the 2024 Seasonal Rates as presented with no increases for transients and seasonals. Motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Elections

A motion was made by Boardmember Anthony, seconded by Boardmember Walch, to nominate and appoint Crystal Porior as Chairperson. Motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Chairperson Porior, seconded by Boardmember Sager, to nominate and appoint Dave Bleau as Vice Chairperson. Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of 2024 Meeting Dates

A motion was made by Chairperson Porior, seconded by Boardmember Anthony, to accept and approve the 2024 meeting dates as presented.

Recreation Director Peterson reminded the Board that the meetings will take place at the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center.

Dock Boxes

Discussion took place on having uniformity of dock boxes. The marina currently does not have a supply in stock. A review will take place on having a certain style and size of dock boxes that boaters can purchase on their own. Recreation Director Peterson stated some boaters have installed their own dock boxes over the last couple of years due to lack of communication and providing such dock boxes for purchase and/or lease and she would grandfather those in as they already drilled holes and paid for them. The Board discussed moving forward that they needed to be uniform. The Board was in agreement that the dock boxes should be white and fiberglass. Recreation Director Peterson will provide the Board with some specifications on dock boxes. Once agreed upon, the boaters will be made aware of such specifications to follow for purchasing their own dock box. Boardmember Anthony stated that the marina should allow two slip holders next to each other to share a dock box if they choose.

Staffing and Marina Opening for Season

Recreation Director Peterson stated that twelve employees have been hired for this season and the marina will open on Monday, April 29th. The hours of operation starting out will be Monday to Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The plan is to have three employees on shift starting out to open things up and then depending on the business, might switch to two employees per shift. There is a meeting scheduled on April 10th with the Great Lakes Cruising Club to place the transients and to get their invoices sent out for the week of July 14th.

MISCELLANEOUS

Discussion took place on having the fuel tanks cleaned. Recreation Director Peterson will reach out to Stropich Oil.

Boardmember Walch will continue to update the google account for the marina.

The left side of the Aronson Island Boat Launch needs some gravel to lengthen the area by two feet. Recreation Director Peterson will work with her Department and the Public Works Department to get this done.

Spraying for spiders was discussed. The City has employees certified in applying pesticides/herbicides. The current sprayer is broken and a backpack sprayer will be looked into.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Porior would like the marina to check on becoming a member of BoatUS. Recreation Director Peterson will look into this.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Boardmember Anthony, seconded by Boardmember Walch, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Motion was approved unanimously.

Chairperson Crystal Porior

Date