

ESCANABA HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015: 5:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Buckbee, Henry Cipolla, Dave Pinozek

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Ammel, Todd Hurley

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry Gravatt, Harbor Master
Cheryl Syers, Recreation Office Assistant
Patricia Baribeau, City Council Liaison

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

APPROVAL/CORRECTION(S) TO: Meeting minutes of October 14, 2014. Motion to approve as written by Robert Buckbee, seconded by Henry Cipolla, unanimous.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Gravatt presented a proposed Capital Improvement Plan (in no particular order) to the board as follows:

- New sidewalk by the 35' docks at an estimated cost of \$22,000.
- Removal of the L-Dock or repair by sheet piling and new concrete surface, cost currently unknown.
- Replace the Baraga docks with new 24' and 30' docks adding power and electricity at an estimated cost of approximately \$200,000.
- Replace pier three docks, cost currently unknown.
- Replace pier one docks, cost currently unknown.
- Reconstruct the seawall past pier three with possible 24' docks for fishing boats at an estimated cost of \$40,000.
- Construct a restroom facility near pier three at an estimated cost of \$75,000.

Mr. Gravatt informed the board the marina currently has two loans outstanding totaling approximately \$300,000. These loans will not be paid off until 2024 and 2027. He informed that until these loans are paid, there are no funds to replace the docks.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **2015 Waterways Seasonal and Transient Rates.** Mr. Gravatt informed the board that the Waterways Seasonal and Transient rates for 2015 remain unchanged from 2014.

2. **Marina Fueling Dock.** Mr. Gravatt informed the board that the Lake Michigan water level is anticipated to raise approximately 14” higher this year. Therefore, the lower dock to the fueling dock will need to be raised, otherwise it will be under water. The cost to raise the lower dock is unknown at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

The marina currently has 2,200 gallons of gas and 1,400 gallons of diesel fuel that was purchased in the fall at a higher rate than the current fuel price. Due to the significant decrease in fuel prices, the marina may incur a loss at an unknown amount. One option may be to order more fuel at a decreased price and offer a blended rate price.

Mr. Gravatt informed depth soundings were recently taken in the Escanaba Marina and the NOAA nautical charts have been updated with this data.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Robert Buckbee motioned for adjournment, seconded by Henry Cipolla. The motion carried unanimously at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Gravatt, Harbor Master

Dave Pinozek, Chairperson

Date