

ESCANABA HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
APRIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015: 5:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark, Ammel, Robert Buckbee, Henry Cipolla,
Todd Hurley, Dave Pinozek

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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 February 10, 2015. Motion to approve as written by Mark Ammel, seconded by Henry Cipolla, unanimous.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Marina Fuel Pricing.** Mr. Gravatt explained the diesel price from fall was \$4.03 per gallon. The new diesel price is \$2.78 per gallon, which is a difference of \$1.25. With a 1,445 gallon supply, the marina would incur a loss of \$1,806 at \$2.78 per gallon. If the marina purchases another 2,000 gallons at an average price of \$3.31 and the price is reduced to \$3.00, the anticipated loss would be \$1,488. The preferred option will be to purchase additional fuel and blend the rate.

The gasoline price from fall was \$4.25 per gallon. The new gas price will be \$3.83 per gallon or a difference of .42 cents. With a 2,251 gallon supply, the anticipated loss would be \$945. If the gasoline price is held to \$3.98 the anticipated loss would be \$611. The final price will be determined by current fuel prices from suppliers when the marina opens May 4, 2015.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Cable Services.** Mr. Gravatt informed Charter Cable services changed from analog to digital last year and Charter would provide the equipment upgrade to the marina free of charge. However, Charter would charge the marina \$4,884 per year to provide cable services. Mr. Gravatt advised in previous years there have been approximately six boaters requesting cables services. Due to the yearly cost, cable services will no longer be provided.

2. **Marina Face Book Page.** Mr. Gravatt informed the board he would like to develop a Face Book page for the Marina for the publication of spontaneous events and to provide pictures and updates of planned events. Board member Todd Hurley suggested a separate marina web page for the marina as well, which was unanimously supported by all board members.

3. **Marina Fest.** Mr. Gravatt advised City Council approved a request to hold the annual Marina Fest on Saturday, August 8, 2015. Funding for this event will be sought from the DDA and Hannahville 2%. The Yacht Club will host a sailboat race for the event. The Bark River Lions has informed they are interested in providing a beer tent. Musical entertainment and food vendors are planned as well.

4. **No Wake Zones.** Mr. Gravatt advised the entire harbor is registered as a slow, no wake zone with the MDNR and informed he will coordinate with the Sheriff's Department for enforcement of the no wake zones and also Escanaba Public Safety for boat launch pass enforcement. Additional no wake signage may be added to the harbor and existing signs will be placed in more visible areas to the public.

MISCELLANEOUS

Board member Robert Buckbee stated he would like to see the lagoon area west of the marina along Jenkins Drive cleaned up.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Ammel motioned for adjournment, seconded by Robert Buckbee. The motion carried unanimously at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Gravatt, Harbor Master

Dave Pinozek, Chairperson

Date