

ESCANABA HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014: 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 August 12, 2014. Motion to approve as written by Robert Buckbee, seconded by Todd Hurley, unanimous.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Capital Improvement Plan.** Mr. Gravatt presented the board with a proposed prioritized list of marina capital improvement projects. He stated the sidewalk along the seawall is the highest priority due to the fact that two pedestrians have fallen in this area sustaining injuries. Secondary priority is the L-dock upgrade. Additional capital improvement projects include the walkway on the seawall south of pier three; replace pier 2 with 30' slips and move 24' slips to the west of pier 3; replace pier 1; replace pier two; construct a new restroom near pier 3; and construct an additional parking area near pier 3. Mr. Gravatt stated if the board has any additional projects to incorporate to let him know.

Mr. Gravatt informed he intends to pursue funding from local banks, credit unions, the DDA, and private entities with regard to construction of a new restroom near Pier 3.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MDNR/Bay de Noc Great Lakes Sports Fishermen Salmon Pen.** Mr. Gravatt advised the MDNR and the Bay de Noc Great Lakes Sports Fishermen have requested permission to place a 10' x 5' salmon pen containing approximately 70,000 fingerlings in the Escanaba Marina. The pen would be placed in the marina on Pier II in early April to allow the fish to acclimate for approximately 2-3 weeks prior to release. In three to four years the salmon will reach maturity and return for spawning. Mr.

Gravatt stated he will require the MDNR to remove any dead salmon from the marina when they return to spawn. Motion to approve by Henry Cipolla, seconded by Robert Buckbee, unanimous.

2. **Harbor Meeting Schedule.** The board reviewed the proposed 2015 meeting schedule and approved the same.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Board member Henry Cipolla stated he would like to move forward on registering the entire harbor as a slow no wake zone with the MDNR, which would allow for the enforcement of the slow no wake zone throughout the entire harbor. Motion by Mark Ammel to approve registering the Escanaba harbor with the MDNR, seconded by Henry Cipolla, unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Robert Buckbee motioned for adjournment, seconded by Todd Hurley. The motion carried unanimously at 6:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Gravatt, Harbor Master

Dave Pinozek, Chairperson

Date