

ESCANABA HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AUGUST MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015: 5:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Henry Cipolla, Todd Hurley, Dave Pinozek

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Ammel, Robert Buckbee

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 April 14, 2015. Motion to approve as written by Henry Cipolla, seconded by Todd Hurley, unanimous.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

New Business: 2. Marina Seasonal and Transient Statistics.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Weed Harvester.** Mr. Gravatt advised the board the weed management within the harbor has been successful through the use of herbicide application for the past several years. He stated he also feels future weed management can be controlled by the same method and seeks the boards input with regard to disposition of the weed harvester. Motion by Todd Hurley to approve the City to sell the weed harvester, seconded by Henry Cipolla, unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Marina Fest Update.** Mr. Gravatt informed the final cost of the Marina Fest Event for 2015 was \$2,600 of which \$2,350 was covered through donations and \$250 from the marina fund. The event was well attended and food vendors sold out of product. Mr. Gravatt advised Bell's Brewery may provide a sponsorship for next year's event.

2. **Marina Seasonal and Transient Statistics.** Mr. Gravatt informed the marina has currently received 15 more transient boats than in 2014. Seasonal boats have been consistent with 85 in 2013; 83 in 2014; and 86 in 2015.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Gravatt stated the 35' docks will be removed from the harbor again this fall.

A portion of the walkway in front of the Yacht Club will be replaced in 2016 at the marina's expense.

Board member Todd Hurley indicated there is an ongoing problem with boat wakes and jet skis within the harbor. After some discussion, Mr. Gravatt recommended the sheriff's boat be moved to slip #16 at the end of Pier 1. Mr. Gravatt will also meet with Sheriff Oswald to see if the harbor can be policed, especially during weekends, or if Mr. Oswald has any suggestions to deal with these issues.

Mr. Hurley also indicated there is a safety issue with paddle boards in the harbor area. Mr. Gravatt advised he has spoken with the owners of Mish Watersports and he has requested paddle boards to stay at least 30' west of Pier 3 and follow the shoreline to the harbor mouth without blocking the entrance for boaters.

Mr. Gravatt informed the board there will be an "all" boards and commissions meeting on October 6, 2015 to discuss the creation of a public participation planning process.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Gravatt informed the board that Cheryl Syers has accepted another position within the City Utility Department after 9 years of service to the Recreation Department. He thanked her for her service to the marina.

ADJOURNMENT

Henry Cipolla motioned for adjournment, seconded by Todd Hurley. The motion carried unanimously at 5:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Gravatt, Harbor Master



Dave Pinozek, Chairperson

10/13/15
Date