

HARBOR COMMISSION

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 @ 6:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM @ CITY HALL

- 1.) The meeting was called to order by President Reed.
- 2.) Roll Call: Butch Mehlberg, Dick Olson, Roger Reed, Nancy Rhode
Excused: Ellis Mercier
Also Present: Director of Parks, Rec., and Forestry John Bostedt, John Mick, Bob LeBreck, Venna Dreshek, Chrissy Trepanier, Sue Trepanier
- 3.) **Olson motioned approval of agenda; Mehlberg seconded.**
(4 Ayes)
- 4.) **Approval of the 10/26/2016 meeting minutes was called by Olson with a second motion from Mehlberg.**
(4 Ayes)
- 5.) Public Input: None.
- 6.) Correspondence: Director Bostedt reported that the end of the causeway has been shored; ramp for ice fishing access is in place; and jetty has been built up for winter weathering.
- 7.) Discussion/possible recommendation/updates on the following:
 - a) 2017 3rd Annual Oconto Sailfest Craft & Vendor Event— Representatives and new leaders to maintain the event, Chrissy Trepanier and Venna Dreshek, spoke of its 2016 success. They sought to continue the Oconto event with Captain Kenny and vendors (who pay a \$20.00 fee) to help fund its existence. Sailing lessons via Sara and Steven Ellison were steady, as was the Captain's shoreline tour. They hoped someone could be procured who would build in more learning experience for our youth: knowledge about waterways... how to create a vessel.... The bouncers will be eliminated. In the past, it was noted that Harbor/Tourism/Park and Rec. each help fund lessons and activities with a donation of \$500.00 each. This led to discussion of hopeful self-funding (of the 3rd year event). Discussion of charging of lessons, especially incoming non-resident youth, ensued. Benefits of no cost to the community were raised. Parking was discussed. It has been established as a City sponsored event. **Rhode motioned to allow Sailfest 2017 for Saturday, June 17, 2017 from 12 – 6 p.m. with John Bostedt as contact for the event. A second was sounded by Olson.**
(4 Ayes)

b) Parking & storing of golf carts— It has been established that the Harbor will start with two, evaluate, and proceed from there. A need to raise a shed with a concrete floor may be a future consideration. Discussion led to sale of the present shed to Holtwood to buy into a new one. (LeBreck mentioned a shed at the H.S. with a contact of Dale Steffenhagen.) The Harbor area will be evaluated for a potential shed location. Meanwhile the City shop will house the vehicles until the trail period has established usage.

c) Rental price of golf carts— Discussion revolved around costs/maintenance for ½ or whole day rental. Harbor Commission members will follow charge suit of Park and Recreation recommendation.

d) City Docks Handicap/fishing pier— Director Bostedt is in contact with DNR sources since Harbor has been anticipating approval of area updates. We continue to anticipate.

e) Goose noise maker— A new night solution concept was presented by Bostedt. Costs would include \$375 for the noise maker, \$337 for the light (the deterrent), and \$267 for the protective/anti-theft cover. Night roosting is the emphasis here. Daily issues exist as well. The product would demand a threesome purchase as it covers a territory of 75 yards. A trial of one was thought possible... and expansion if it works. There are at least 4 area locations throughout the City in need, it was noted. In order to determine the best move, John will get references from present users. Tabled.

f) Promoting/marketing reduced slip rates— It was determined that Director Bostedt will not be attending the 2017 boat show as our efforts have not proved cost effective. Reed noted our past joint marketing meeting with Tourism and Park and Rec.: we should continue with those on an agreed upon meeting date. We still ponder what to do beyond what we are already doing. We may have to purchase marketing as we have not been successful with our attempts. (Lowering prices, for instance.) Rohde will try some contacts she has.

8.) Board Report:

a) Marketing & Advertisement— Rhode shared an impressive one page result from the Harbor Town magazine: at no cost because the City is a Harbor Town

Association member. The Committee stated that we did have amazing 2016 launch fees. We also maxed on P.R. this past year.

b) City boat ramps (Ellis) No report.

c) Fishing Tournaments/Special Events at present have been determined as 2 AIM in July, and Sheboygan Walleye in August.

d) Park(s) Inspection Report (John) Lights will remain on until Christmas.

9.) Approval of accounts payable from October 1st – 30th, 2016 in the amount of \$1,660.23 and those of November 1st – 30th, 2016 in the amount of \$2,415.51 were called into motion by Olson with a second of Rhode (4 Ayes)

10.) Revenue/Expenditure Reports were reviewed and found acceptable.

11.) Next Meeting date/time: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 @ 6 p.m.

12.) Mehlberg motioned adjournment: Reed seconded @ 7:12 p.m. (M/C)

Minutes submitted by
Susan K. Seidl