

HARBOR COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 14th, 2021 @ 4:30 P.M.

City Hall Council Chambers

The mission of the Harbor Commission Committee is to promote the use of the harbor and its facilities, maintain the public harbor facilities, and plan for harbor improvements.

- 1.) Chairman Roger Reed called the meeting to order.
Roll Call: Dick Olson, Roger Reed, Nancy Rhode, Todd Trepanier, Jim Viestenz
Also Present: John Bostedt, Director of Parks, Rec., and Forestry
- 2.) **Rhode issued approval of Agenda; Olson called second. (5 Ayes)**
- 3.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 6/9/2021 was accepted by Olson with a Rhode support. (5 Ayes)**
- 4.) Public Input: Bostedt distributed handouts including the Historic Military Vehicle Convoy from noon – 2 p.m. August 4th; and Superintendent Wusterbarth's information on the Oconto Breakwater Park boat ramp re-opening; and Bayshore Rd. access for the latter, Dockside Restaurant, and fishing @ the harbor. (Updates will be found on Facebook and cityofoconto.com.)
- 5.) Correspondence: Director Bostedt informed on the monthly view of the City website: 15,911 and the Harbor cam: 8,083 the last month.
- 6.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
 - a.) Update on ADA accessible kayak launch will be dropped second, just west of the current launch. & the ADA accessible floating fishing dock is in.
These have been delayed due to Copperfest and Little League, as well as the changing level of the water. The latter proved that we need to go deeper with the gangway: after that is completed it should be finished. The Committee suggested buoys here: Bostedt will see that they are dropped.
 - b.) Memorial bench slabs are in at the Harbor. After the early busy summer season is established the benches will be permanently placed. The intention is August.
 - c.) City Docks handicap boat launch is in and being used. Viestenz commented that it looks nice.
 - d.) Waterfest on July 3rd issued several comments from the Commission. It had a good-sized crowd. Activities were observed. It only took 19 minutes for bussed citizens to return to City hall. (Approx. 60 people stayed to the end of the band.) Lumberjacks and Trapeze action were interesting to the crowd. Good band. Well behaved event. There were vendors. Negative? One truck had a grill with 2 of our picnic tables (others had to walk around them); a few ATV's made themselves present; the Fireworks were slim lasting 9 min. 40 sec. (suggestions to a more successful display were made); Administrator Perrizo and Bostedt discussed if more money were needed to ask the Bond Foundation if they could supplement; there is no shade: in the future a tent with picnic tables beneath could be provided. (Renting a tent would be more sensible than buying one.)
 - e.) Harbor Road, Launch Area & Causeway project is progressing. However it is amazing how many drivers think they can bypass the construction and barriers.
 - f.) Up-date on slip rentals— 42 docks are filled and we have payments from all but 11. Open are 1 – 50'; 3 – 40'; 5- 30' docks.
 - g.) National Walleye Tourney 2022 payments (Note: e-mail sheet enclosed in Commission packet) Discussion led to the City requirements to provide rooms and fees for the rules meeting. We provide an IDEAL location. Some see the problem as competition for the tournament from Marinette. (They still do their pre-fishing here.) Meantime, **Olson motioned to get an approximate cost on rooms and the rules meeting. Viestenz followed with a second. (M/C)**
The Commission will vote on action @ the August meeting.

7.) Board Report:

- a.) Marketing & Advertisement— Director Bostedt reported we paid for the AAA magazine (\$980). Note: it covers articles on Oconto.
- b.) City Boat Ramps will be open tomorrow @ 5 a.m.
- c.) Fishing Tournaments/Special Events remain as scheduled. That scheduled for Saturday will have 19 boats.

- d.) Park(s) Inspection Report [John Bostedt] All is good as can be as to date.

8.) Approval of Accounts Payable from June 1st thru June 30th, 2021 in the amount of \$5,511.33 was called into motion by Reed with a second of Trepanier. (5 Ayes)

(Note 2 handouts.) Director Bostedt explained the Aqua fix and Bug sweetener. Administrator Perrizo informed Bostedt that this might be the first year the Harbor is seeing profit. Bostedt finally informed the Commission that Harbor phone lines were cut by accident but should be fixed by Friday.

9.) Revenue & Expenditure Guidelines viewed were seen as acceptable.

10.) Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, August 11 @ 4:30 p.m.

Weather permitting: @ Harbor

11.) **Reed summoned adjournment @ 5:40 p.m. Rhode issued the second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by
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