

HARBOR COMMISSION
Wednesday, November 9th, 2022 @ 4:30 P.M.

City Hall Conference Room

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 Jim Viestenz called the meeting to order.
- 2.) Roll Call: Dick Olson, Todd Trepanier, Jim Viestenz; and non voting member Paul Lukas
Excused: Steve Stock
Absent: Nancy Rhode
Also Present: John Bostedt Director of Forestry, Parks and Rec.
- 3.) **Olson called motion for approval of Agenda; Trepanier issued second. (3 Ayes)**
- 4.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 10/19/2022 was placed by Olson with a Trepanier second. (3 Ayes)**
- 5.) Public Input: None.
Viestenz requested the Commission ponder if there should be a Dec. meeting or if we should recess until March or April.
- 6.) Correspondence:
Live Harbor Cam Views for the last month to date are @ 4,748 (10/10 – 11/8)
- 7.) **Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:**
 - a.) *Future Dredging* (South Shore Break Wall) Both this issue and the Grants should reach the Commission after City Budget. Superintendent Wusterbarth has contacts and will follow-through.
 - b.) *Grants for Dredging*— See above.
 - c.) *2022 Seasonal Slip Rentals*— 37 (1 – 6 month) rentals; 2 boaters did not return this year; 4 boats were sold during the first 2 months of the season; 2 boats stayed 1 month longer but payment has been unmade as-to-date. The Committee addressed the 2021 slip rentals recognizing weather, gas, travel, as factors after Covid lockdown. Other facilities in the area are competition: we can't negotiate prices during the season as they can.
 - d.) *Yield Sign for Splinter Causeway Road*— Public Works voted 5 – 0 not to place a YIELD sign in this position: reasoning presented. NOTE: cars on the main road have the right-of-way: those backing out give way to the main road. The Commission did address this issue and accepted the conclusion of Public Works.
 - e.) *2023 Harbor Budget*— Last Wednesday Council accepted the 2023 Harbor Budget as written but there is a Council meeting right now still trying to shift monies. Results will be presented @ the next Harbor meeting. It was noted that we are short \$12,000 from last year: again note weather, economy, travel, gas, and Covid, and what we have to offer vs. other facilities. Pontoons have found *negotiation* elsewhere whereas our prices are locked. Also, note boat sale numbers.
 - f.) *2023 Fishing Tournaments at Breakwater Park* expected are AIM (May); AWC qualifier and Sheboygan Walleye (July), 2nd Annual Larry Behnke Walleye Tournament, and 1 day Sheboygan Walleye, and another 2-day AIM (Aug.), Waterfest will be @ the Harbor: the date yet to be arranged. Discussion centered on keeping vs. catch and release. The last will not affect us as we release, and length is determined by weight.
- 8.) **Board Report:**
 - a.) Marketing & Advertisement— None.
 - b.) City Boat Ramps— One launch and the handicap dock are in as of yet: buoys are out.
 - c.) Fishing Tournaments/Special Events— Covered in 7. f.).

d.) Park(s) Inspection Report [John Bostedt] Winterized, stored, and awaiting crew winter repair.

9.) Olson called motion for approval of Accounts Payable from September 29th, 2022 through November 4th, 2022 in the amount of \$5,644.48. Trepanier voiced second. (M/C)

Clarifications were verbal. (The OCEDC is wherein our fishing tournament account resides.)

10.) Revenue & Expenditure Guidelines were seen as appropriate with the Budget Comparison-Detail handout, and approved. Note: the new convenient 1 page presentation.

11.) Next Meeting Date/Time: Depending on the weather, Viestenz motioned to delay our next meeting until March or April 2023, unless there is an emergency, and on opening of Harbor. Trepanier called second.

Agenda: *Future Dredging* (South Shore Break Wall)

Grants for Dredging

2023 Harbor Budget

12.) Olson summoned adjournment @ 5:18 p.m. Viestenz witnessed second. (M/C)

Minutes submitted by

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