

HARBOR COMMISSION
Wednesday, May 10th, 2023 @ 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.) The May 10th meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Viestenz.

2.) Roll Call: Dick Olson, Nancy Rhode, Todd Trepanier, Jim Viestenz
Absent: Steve Stock, and non-voting member Paul Lukas

Also Present: Mayor Panetti; Chairman of the Council Bob LeBreck

3.) **Nominations called 3 times, by Mayor Panetti, for Chairperson were closed by Olson and Rhode who asked for a continuation of Jim Viestenz by an unanimous vote. (4 Ayes)**

4.) **Panetti's call for the vote of Jim Viestenz as Chairperson of the Harbor Commission was motioned in a unanimous vote of Rhode with a Trepanier second. (M/C)**

5.) **Nominations for Vice Chairperson were called 3 times by Viestenz. Rhode called for a closing of nominations and unanimous vote of Todd Trepanier continuing to hold the position with a second of Trepanier. (M/C)**

6.) **The vote for Todd Trepanier as Vice Chairperson of the Harbor Commission called by Viestenz was accepted and closed by Rhode with a Viestenz second. (M/C)**

7.) **Olson motioned for approval of Agenda; Rhode followed with a second. (M/C)**

8.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 4/12/2023 were met with a motion of Trepanier and second of Olson. (M/C)**

9.) Public Input: The Mayor read statistics of the 2023 1st seasonal launches: 3/22 to end of March, 146 (4 different states); to end of April 1, 866 (13 different states); by the 9th date of May 243 (9 states to 5/10/23) totaling 22, 550 launches to date @ 46 launches per day. He noted that on our busiest days we have no Harbor Master. Viestenz thought this could lead to staffing decisions. (Information gathered from envelopes collected @ the launches) It was noted that launches have got to have higher #s since the stats do not include seasonal pass owners.

10.) Correspondence:

a.) Live Harbor Cam Views from April 10 to May 9 = 21,294 views

b.) Fish Oconto Website – www.FishOconto.com The above is now located on the top of our web page: updated monthly. It is felt that businesses need to be aware of the P.R. available here.

11.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:

a.) **At the request of Elks club Pat Trepanier, Rhode motioned for an all-day closing of the Launch Area @ Breakwater Park for 2023 Waterfest, July 3rd as it has been requested in the past. Trepanier followed up with a second. (4 Ayes)**

Viestenz will contact Director Bostedt about P.R. @ the Park, and on the web.

b.) Future Dredging (South Shore Break Wall) Chairman Viestenz covered 11. b.), c.), and d.). The webinar was viewed with the below conclusions. He stated that we need to contact the DNR before Grant application. We need a contact. The spoils remain an issue to be addressed. Another committee formed may be necessary. Mayor Panetti spoke to two of our area legislators seeking their support.

c.) Grants for Dredging– It was discovered that some areas have waited 3 years for them and that it seems that larger cities are being favored. Nevertheless, Brett's wife has offered at-no-cost to the city a presentation.

d.) Great Lakes Shallow Draft Recreational Harbor Meeting is a long-term issue.

e.) **Olson and Rhode motioned to accept the Three-Year Harbor Development Statement of Intentions & Resolutions. (M/C) Note** the handout from Director Bostedt: Rhode drew attention to Bostedt's addition of commercial fishing and manufacturing to the above.

f.) 2023 Mooring Permits were also approved by the Commission 4/12/23, however we are waiting for Brett's signature and return.

g.) 2023 Slip Rentals- 38 (2 - 6 months); 3 transient stays

h.) 2023 Harbormasters has no new information to date.

i.) 2023 Seasonal Passes Sold @ North Shore Bait Company Last Month, was not reported by Paul Lukas.

j.) Power Loading Issue seems to presently be accepted.

k.) Sea Wall Platform- has been determined to be an acceptable future project.

I.) Harbor Cam Promotion for Open Spots- \$350 per year: more marketing needs to fill in the open spots.

12.) Board Report:

a.) Marketing & Advertisement- No new report.

b.) City Boat Ramps are in position. Yet to be placed is the fishing pier which will be in in the next couple of weeks.

c.) Fishing Tournaments/Special Events- A Bostedt handout of the 2023 Schedule of Events @ Breakwater Park & Harbor stated open and closing dates as well as 9 upcoming events. The May 14 AIM weekend "Welcome" has been placed on the City web and Facebook.

d.) Park(s) Inspection Report [John Bostedt] The harbor fish grinder was determined useless, and we are awaiting parts. Said issue occurred between 3-4 p.m. May 6th. Rhode suggested we have a 2nd set of parts on hand if reasonable. The Commission agreed. Panetti asked if we could install a magnet to catch metal knives. Viestenz will discuss this with Director Bostedt.

13.) Olson motioned for approval of Accounts Payable from April 5th, 2023, through May 5th, 2023 in the amount of \$2,515.36. Rhode called second. (M/C)

14.) Revenue & Expenditure Guidelines for 2023 were viewed and found applicable. Rhode will call Bostedt as to maintenance costs.

15.) Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, June 21 @4:30 p.m.

Mayor Panetti addressed Bob LeBreck as the Council President and asked if he had any concerns.

16.) Rhode summoned adjournment @ 5:53 p.m. Trepanier witnessed second. (M/C)

Minutes submitted by
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