

THE HARBOR COMMISSION

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 @ 4:00 P.M.

at Breakwater Park 1301 Harbor Rd, Oconto, WI 54153

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 HARBOR meeting was called to order by Chairman Viestenz.
- 2.) Roll Call: Dick Olson, Nancy Rhode (+4:06), Steve Stock, Todd Trepanier, Jim Viestenz, and non-voting member Paul Lukas **Also Present:** Mayor Panetti
- 3.) **Olson motioned for approval of Meeting Minutes from July 19, 2023; Trepanier motioned second. (4 Ayes)**
- 4.) Public Input: Lukas spoke of comments made to him @ the Master Walleye Circuit: Result? Tournaments are well run in Oconto.
- 5.) Correspondence: Live Harbor Cam Views – July 12th-Aug 10th (9,816 views)
- 6.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
 - a.) Future Dredging (South Shore Break Wall) Viestenz addressed the issue which in the future will have the item stated as Future Dredging/Interceptor. Mayor Panetti formed an Ad Hoc Committee of Steve Heimerman and Al Stranz. It appears we are looking at a Holistic approach. Our Plan should include how to keep the soil there from erosion; how we are going to maintain the dredging; and how we will manage invasive species in the future. It was understood that the DNR Grant programming was cut. Rhode thought it was Dave Wentland (now in DePere) who originally applied for the DNR grant which was in application yearly: He suggested we invest in an interceptor. We must have something in the City files on our past background for the grant. Rhode will check both the files and Wentland. We have more of a possibility of getting a grant by showing our continued past intent: Strategic Plan.
 - b.) Grants for Dredging– See above.
 - c.) 2023 Slip Rentals are @ 73% @ our Harbor; Bret 100%; Sohr 80%, according to the Mayor. PLACE reserved parking places back on the Agenda.
 - d.) No 2023 Seasonal Passes were sold @ North Shore Bait Company last month. The Mayor gave data on monthly launches: March 146; April 1,866; May 1,108; June (low biting on the Bay) 546; July 1,902.

e.) Professional Dock Installation/Takeout–Tabled.

f.) Harbor Kiosk– Trepanier mentioned the high interchange of \$ via fishermen. We need to post a sign: no bills \$50 or above. **It was motioned that we not get kiosks here via Viestenz and Rhode. (5 Ayes)** Both pros and cons were volleyed.

g.) Grant writer–Tabled.

h.) Reserved parking signs & stalls–Tabled. We need the # from Director Bostedt. The Commission is concerned with the absence of Bostedt: Stock will approach him. Should we impose a cost on Guide service? Perhaps an extra \$150 for a launch fee....

7.) Board Report:

a.) Marketing & Advertisement– None.

b.) City Boat Ramps– Early arrival to the meeting was used to inspect space for an access ramp: safer early season environment to get in the month of March: approx. 150 launches this year. However discussion within the meeting centered on Bostedt's suggestion to leave in a dock with an aerator. (It works @ the Yacht Club where it is fenced off.) The Commission thought it worth a try. It was noted that Oct. 31 - Dec. we could have duck hunters, guides, et.all pay. We wouldn't have to build something if we installed an aerator. Consideration of the Harbor Master extended-season will continue in discussion.

c.) Fishing Tournaments/Special Events yet to come: Sunday, August 20th Sheboygan Walleye Club 17th Annual Battle on the Bay (Girls Softball will take care of the food); Friday, August 25th + Saturday, August 26th AIM Weekend Walleye Series WI State Championship; Tuesday, October 31st (or as weather permits) Breakwater Park and Harbor is closed for the season–

d.)Park(s) Inspection Report [John Bostedt] No report. Rhode reported that AIM contacted the County about being signed in for 2024.

8.) Stock called approval of Accounts Payable from July 14th, 2023 through August 11th, 2023 in the amount of \$5,290.63. Rhode followed with a second. (5 Ayes) Questions concerned Porta Potties; Operational Supplies (once a year?) (Local?); Jim Hansen

9.) Revenue & Expenditure Guidelines from 2023 were viewed and found acceptable as is.

10.) Next Meeting Date/Time: **Wednesday, September 13th @ 4:30 p.m. @ City Hall**

Agenda Items:

Winter- leave in 1 dock/attain an aerator

Reserved parking places

Grant writer

Reserved parking signs & stall

Professional dock installation/takeout

Future dredging/interceptor

11.) Olson summoned adjournment @ 5:10 p.m. Trepanier witnessed second. (M/C)

Minutes submitted by Susan K. Seidl

