

ESCANABA HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
APRIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2010: 4:30 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Ammel, Roy Hebert, Todd Hurley, Dave Pinozek

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Neil Carlson

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry Gravatt, Harbor Master
Cheryl Syers, Recreation Office Assistant
Patricia Baribeau, City Council Liaison
Pete Baker, City Council Member

APPROVAL/CORRECTION(S) TO: Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2010. Motion to approve by Mark Ammel, seconded by Dave Pinozek, unanimous.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

Unfinished Business: 1. L-Dock Improvements

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

L-DOCK IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Gravatt provided board members with copies of the proposed L-Dock permit application submittal drawings for review. He stated work would not be commenced until the fall of 2010. Mr. Gravatt indicated prior to bid submission, he would like to look at an alternate construction of "H" beams, rather than concrete filled pilings as a possible cost savings. He informed the total project cost is now approximately \$258,000 with one-half payment paid through a grant from the Department of Natural Resources.

NEW BUSINESS

2010 MARINA BUDGET REVIEW

Mr. Gravatt advised he met with City Controller Mike Dewar in preparing the 2010 marina budget. The proposed budget has been reviewed by City Manager Jim O'Toole and will be presented to City Council for approval next week.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mr. Gravatt informed the following capital improvements are proposed for the Escanaba Marina:

1) Replacement and relocation of the current 24' Baraga docks with new 30' slips at an approximate cost of \$178,000. 2) Extension of the walkway to the west past Pier III at an approximate cost of \$17,000 to create access to the relocated Baraga docks.

Board member Todd Hurley suggested a marina promotion through yacht clubs, with possibly some free advertising. Mr. Gravatt indicated he is working on promotion of the marina with the local DDA, and

also suggested an exchange of marina brochures with other local harbors. Nautical gifts items and book sales at the harbor office were also suggested.

2010 DOCK REPAIRS

Mr. Gravatt stated he will be making repairs to six docks along the harbor wall by replacing the metal underlay at a cost of approximately \$450 per dock. He stated he intends to pressure wash all docks to give them a fresh look. He informed he would like to open the marina May 1st rather than May 10th due to the unusually warm weather this spring. He stated the electrical will be turned on fairly soon. He will seek the help of local volunteer groups/community corrections workers to assist marina staff with gardening and other projects.

MARINA AMENITIES

Mr. Gravatt informed the marina staff will be keeping better track of those utilizing cable services so users can be invoiced and payment collected. Dish service will still be allowed for slips where cable is not available.

Mr. Gravatt indicated he intends to eliminate the dumpster at the marina and utilize the five (5) unit maximum (per ordinance) refuse carts and recycle bins, which will be emptied once weekly by City refuse service. He stated the dumpster fence by Pier III will be removed and replaced with a bike rack.

DOCK FEES

Mr. Gravatt stated he would like to explore the possibility of collecting slip fees from the Coast Guard, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and Sheriff's Department. He stated at present, no slip fees are being charged. He would also like to relocate all service boats to a new location on Pier I, the Baraga docks, or broadside docking.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Ammel motioned for adjournment, seconded by Roy Hebert. The motion carried unanimously at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Gravatt, Harbor Master

Mark Ammel, Chairperson

Date