

City of Alpena Harbor Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 2, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Committee members present: Ed Retherford, Al Moe, Wayne Lewis, Steve Wilson, Tanner Kostelic, Don LaBarre

Staff present: Rachel Smolinski, Rich Sullenger, Steve Shultz, Andrea Kares, Shannon Smolinski

Others present: Anne Gentry (DDA), Rich McTaggart (Thunder Bay Shores)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-Motion by Wilson, Second by Moe, Motion carried.

MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA-Add DDA Project-(Anne Gentry) under 3. Potential Funding in Business Section.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-DECEMBER 1, 2020-Motion by Wilson, Second by Lewis

BUSINESS:

1. Marina priorities - Report from Shannon Smolinski - Grounds cleaned up, garbage picked up, flower bed weeding, light maintenance around the buildings, painting around the yards, possibly painting light poles one more time and fixed up. Looking at lighting upgrades. Work plans to do daily clean ups and a more open and friendly working together attitude. Put together a package for boaters when they come in so resources are made available to them.
2. City CIP Projects – Report from Shannon Smolinski – Develop a master plan at the marina that will give direction in what the marina will become, new buildings, etc., getting the potable water system back up and replaced at the seasonal docks, underground contaminated storage tank clean up, dock repair (budget money every year), look at potential grants and seal parking lot.
3. Potential Funding – Kares has been working with Northeast Michigan Council of Governments to update the Recreation Plan which opens up the door for Department of

National Resources Grants. Currently looking at Michigan National Resources Trust Fund, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Recreation Passport and possibly the Clean Vessel Act. Shannon has also been in contact with Paul Peterson from the (DNR Grant Administrator from Waterways Grant). There is 3.4 million dollars available this year for grants although last year all grants were awarded to shoreline protection projects. DDA façade grant program usually has \$20,000 each fiscal year to award and could potentially be used at the marina. Any additional information will be presented at the next meeting.

4. DDA Project – Report from Gentry – Call for Artist - Could look at more freestanding and temporary art this year that’s not necessarily on a buildings wall but still have different artwork throughout the downtown. Could focus on an area at the marina that could be moveable or repainted over the years in conjunction with the master plan for the marina.

MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Retherford said a positive note is the water is going to recede unless we get a lot of snow. LaBarre questioned if water levels will be taken into consideration in any projects moving forward. Sullenger stated that the City takes into consideration record lake levels when designing for a project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment provided.

NEXT MEETING: Set for March 2, 2021 4:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT-Motion by Lewis, Second by Retherford