

City of Alpena Harbor Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 1, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm

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, Don Gilmet

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

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

BUSINESS:

1. Report from Thunder Bay Shores and HarborMaster-Dockage up by 15-20%, Launch up by 4%, Storage up 7%., Expenses up 16%, went well for the situation with COVID, pleased with DPW response to repairs, Mc Taggart will see if we can get the financial report sooner

Motion to receive and file reports by Wilson, Second by Retherford, Motion carried.

2. Improvements at the Marina, *Group Discussion*

Retherford-Hoist looks beat up and needs paint, fish cleaning station-needs hose for cleaning tables, cosmetic work needed, replace docks

Moe-improvements needed to the marina building, repairs needed to docks across from Yacht Club, goose poop is a problem, electric stacks can be an issue with the high water, water quality of hose to boat, need to search for grants

LaBarre-mirror the comments of Retherford and Moe, but looking at this from a sailing perspective, quality of marina building (dated and cosmetic issues), quality of docks, quality of potable water, lights are sometimes out at night, loud cars this season on Prentiss Avenue (late night)

Wilson-lighting has been out all summer which is a major item, dock boards, geese are an issue, light poles used to be painted, landscaping needs attention (specifically bushes

hanging through railing and ramp to walkway by breakwall, painted concrete walkway needs attention, lift needs to be painted, damaged walkway

Lewis- echo a lot of the previous comments, duckboards need attention, geese and seagulls are a problem, weeds by Yacht Club are a problem

Kostelic-docks need to be in better shape, Wifi needed, repair lighting, general upkeep and landscaping

Gentry-marina gives a first impression, need to look at the visitor's impression as they travel from the marina to downtown, need general upkeep, there are a lot of people that walk through the marina and it is a destination, painted lamp posts, more hanging flower baskets, more gathering area for sitting, could look at a public/private partnership to improve the marina building, DDA could assist with potential sources of funding

Sullenger-putting several projects in the CIP, would like to see a master plan for the marina

Kares-currently updating recreation plan which will include the marina, looking at potential grants to support improvements at the marina; aesthetics is an issue

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment provided

NEXT MEETING: Set for January 5, 2021 4:30 pm; *postponed to February 2, 2021*

ADJOURNMENT-Motion by Wilson, Second by Moe