

HARBOR COMMISSION MINUTES:

March 9th, 2020

PRESENT: Hansen, Bronkema, Wiltse, Blesma, Orschel, Berck

ABSENT: Fisher

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Regular Harbor Commission meeting held February 10th, 2020: Commissioner Berck motioned and Commissioner Blesma seconded to approve minutes from the regular meeting February 10th, 2020. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

- a. Harbormaster Singleton presented the monthly report to the Commission.
- b. Council: Trustee Bronkema provided a council report to the Harbor Commission.
- c. Treasurer: Harbormaster Singleton provided up to date FY2020-2021 revenue and expenditure report.

CITIZENS COMMENT: 0 citizen comment

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Harbormaster Singleton updated Commission with information on the Harbor's break wall progress. A date was set later in the week for onsite inspection with GEI engineers.
- b. Discussion regarding the length of stay for the courtesy floating dock on Elk River, Upper Harbor. Appropriate signage will be fabricated and displayed to the boating public. Also, a suggestion was made to Harbormaster to inquire if the Elk Rapids Rotary Club would possibly be interested in partnering with the Harbor for the procurement of the proposed extension to the floating dock.
- c. 45th Parallel Marine will assist with the docks that cannot be raised due to the placement of wooden wedges and dowels between the dock pile and cover tube. Barge will be in Elk Rapids by the end of the week of the 16th.
- d. Continued discussion of B3 ferry between the Village of Suttons Bay and the Village of Elk Rapids.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion regarding the commercial fishing vessel seasonal contract cost in the Harbor. Motion by Commissioner Berck to charge the owner of the vessel twice the seasonal rate as a 30' recreational vessel would pay plus the 2% increase from the 2019 season. Motion second by Commissioner Wiltse. All Commissioners present voting yes; motion carried.
- b. Presentation of the current progress of the green infrastructure bioswale made by Program Director, Sarah U'Ren, Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay. Commissioners requested the Harbormaster revisit and consider a different location of upper harbor bioswale (#2) to a different location and reduce the size of the structure to smaller than proposed 2,200 sq. feet. Furthermore, the commission recommended that the Harbormaster research partnerships with clubs and/or organizations to maintain the bioswale infrastructure in lieu of Harbor personnel.
- c. MarinaPro System will have file update with contractor in April.
- d. Motor Vessel Steelhead from the Michigan DNR will moor up and participate at the Harbor fishing seminar July 1st.

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.