

HARBOR COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 1, 2005

I. Roll Call

Jim Bartlett	Present
Yvonne DeWindt	Present
Al Dika	Present
John Flemming	Present
Tom Graham, Jr.	Present
Bill McCullough	Present
Jim Offield	Present
Fred Rachwitz	Present
Jane Ramer	Present
Dick Schiller	Present

Also present: City Manager Fred Geuder.

Chairman Jim Bartlett called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. Minutes

Motion by Schiller, seconded by Dika, to approve the minutes of February 16, 2005, as presented. Motion carried.

III. Public Comment and Correspondence

None.

IV. New and Old Business

A. Projects Update

Bartlett asked the City Manager to update the Commission about on-going projects.

The City Manager noted that the West Dock resurfacing is about half completed, and will be completed in the fall. The Trex materials seem to be meeting all expectations for appearance and quality.

The Manager also noted that the City Council had approved the re-wiring project for the floating dock, and it looks like that project should start being wrapped up next week. It was felt that the cost would only continue to climb, so the Council approved the project for this year.

The Council also approved the expansion project for the Two-Hour Dock. After receiving State and Federal approvals, the dock was ordered from Flotation Docking Systems. Bartlett said he had talked to Dan Carmichael of Flotation Docking, and he expected to have the dock installed the week after next.

In reply to a question, the City Manager noted that Walstrom Dredge & Dock has been paid for work to date on the West Dock project. The City has purchased all of the materials and Walstrom's is storing them for the completion of this project.

B. Consideration of a Passenger Ferry Special Events Permit

The City Manager noted that, as required, Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry had made application to service a fundraiser for the Little Traverse Conservancy on August 5, 2005. Because the request was for the pick-up of more than 100 passengers, Harbor Commission approval was required.

Gil Whitman, on behalf of the Conservancy, said that the proposed evening cruise would be for the Conservancy's annual "Save the Trees" fundraiser. The event has traditionally been held at Irish Boat Shop during July, but this event was being proposed for August 5. The event would be a bay cruise/cocktail party from about 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and would be aboard a Shepler's freight boat. Shepler's does a number of similar events in the Straits each year. In the event of inclement weather, the event would be held at Irish's.

The City Manager noted that this event would replace the July event.

In reply to a question, Whitman said that the cruise would likely go out into the bay (not stay in the harbor) unless weather (winds) prevented it. He also noted that parking would be the same as it had been for the July events.

The City Manager noted that the August date would probably be a little easier to handle parking-wise, than the prior events in July.

Motion by McCullough, seconded by Flemming, to approve the permit as requested. Motion carried, Bartlett abstaining. (Bartlett is on the Board of Directors of the Conservancy.)

Bartlett wished the Conservancy well with this event.

C. Other

The City Manager also reported on seasonal rentals and discussed vandalism that had occurred on the waterfront recently.

V. Meeting Schedule

Bartlett noted that today's meeting was the first of the three required summer meetings.

The next meeting of the Harbor Commission are scheduled for July 13th and August 10th, both beginning at 4:00 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Frederick W. Geuder, City Manager