

HARBOR COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 20, 2007

I. Roll Call

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

Also present: Harbormaster Mike Johnson and City Manager Fred Geuder.

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

II. Minutes

Motion by Dika, seconded by DeWindt, to approve the minutes of October 25, 2006, as presented. Motion carried.

III. Public Comment and Correspondence

None.

IV. New and Old Business

A. 2007 Project Update

The City Manager reviewed and updated the Commission on various projects.

The new launch ramp dock at Ford Park was installed on June 14th. Early comments are that this dock will work well.

The Harbormaster office area was painted by Harbormaster Mike Johnson and crew. New carpet was installed, and new windows are on order for the entry ways into the boaters' restrooms.

Harbormaster Mike Johnson has submitted a grant request for pump for the pump-out dock. The old pump is approximately 25+ years old, and in need of replacement. Fall installation is anticipated.

Enter McCullough and Schiller.

The new water feature in the park area east of the Harbormaster Building is nearly complete. The fountain was donated by David & Mary Wood, and the Garden Club will coordinate landscaping.

The tennis court resurfacing was completed in the fall. New benches were installed this spring.

Harbormaster Mike Johnson announced that the Marina has received the Michigan Clean Marina designation from the Michigan Boating Industries Association. All marinas on Little Traverse Bay have achieved this designation.

B. Harbormaster Introduction and Report

Bartlett introduced and welcomed new Harbormaster Mike Johnson.

Johnson reported that the staff is on board for 2007. Former Harbormaster Bob Bokram will work part-time.

Early transient use seems to be good. The Boyne City Yacht Club brought in 27 boats, and the Bay Harbor Yacht Club brought in 20 boats in early season use. Johnson noted that all seasonal boats are now at the docks.

Johnson again noted the Clean Marina designation. He also said that the Marina was looking at a recycling program in conjunction with the Downtown Merchant group.

Johnson noted that the Regatta entries for 2007 appear to be up from a year ago.

Finally, Johnson noted that an appreciation reception will be held for retiring Harbormaster Bob Bokram on Friday, July 27th at 3:00 p.m., recognizing Bob's 12 years of service as Harbormaster.

C. Other Business

The City Manager noted that the City Council had suggested talking with the Commission about the process for setting seasonal rates. [After the meeting, Bartlett and the City Manager determined that September might be a more appropriate time for such a discussion.]

Fred Rachwitz noted that the number of dinghies at Zoll Street is down. Johnson commented that enforcement of the "no motor" rule at Zoll Street is one reason. Capacity at the Harbormaster area will need to be monitored.

Rachwitz also suggested the possibility of additional Kayak Storage. Bartlett suggested that this idea also be monitored and Commissioners should look at where such storage could take place.

The City Manager and Harbormaster reviewed the dock and mooring turnover rates with the Commission. The docks had a higher than average turnover, but the moorings had virtually no turnover. There was reasonable turnover with the kayaks.

The City Manager also reported he is working on the letter to send out for the waiting list fee.

V. Meeting Schedule

The next meeting of the Harbor Commission is scheduled for July 18th, at 4:00 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Frederick W. Geuder, City Manager