

## Harbor Commission Minutes

The Greater Dunkirk Area Harbor Commission meeting was held Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room of City Hall.

Members Present: Chairman Jim Nichols ● Allan Zurawski, ● Gene Pauszek ● Kurt Warmbrodt  
Dennis Wolfe

Members Absent: Shaun Heenan ● Ken Kuwik

Others Present: Patty Pleszewski, Secretary, Parks & Recreation Department ● Zen Olow ●  
Mike Rosing ● Gib Snyder, Observer ● Stephen Millett ● Rich Halas, Fiscal  
Affairs Officer ● Bill Rivera, Second Ward Councilman

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Nichols. Motion to accept of the February 20, 2013 minutes by Al Zurawski. Seconded by Kurt Warmbrodt. All voting aye. Carried.

The Harbor Commission discussed the city applying for bed tax money for weed cutting in the city harbor. The City previously received a \$25,000 grant which was used over a 3 year period. Commission member Al Zurawski made a motion that we write a letter recommending that The Department of Development make an application for the Chautauqua County Bed Tax Money. Seconded by Gene Pauszek. Mr. Zurawski also made a recommendation that a letter be sent to the Chautauqua County Lake Erie Management Commission for acquiring possible funds for weed cutting. Seconded by Gene Pauszek. All voting aye. Carried.

Discussed was the possibility of leasing out the city's boat launch to an independent person. The city will be looking into the legal issues. Councilman Bill Rivera who was in attendance at the Harbor Commission meeting said that he would like to try it out for a year and see how it goes. Mr. Rivera said he would like to see longer hours of operation at the boat launch. Zen Olow suggested that the person who would be leasing the boat launch should be an Ambassador for the City welcoming people and handing out literature on points of interest as well as hotel accommodations etc. Parking was also discussed.

Learned that the Great Lakes Experience, Inc. will take place on Saturday, June 15, 2013 in Memorial Park. They are a nonprofit organization that supports the mission of the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Chairman Nichols explained that this group will be renting out tent spaces for \$50.00 and make presentations to both young adults to learn about everything from local wildlife to safe boating. The Festival will also includes live music, food, and free promotional gifts to every child that visits the event. Councilman Rivera said this would be a way to bring people into Dunkirk to visit the local restaurants, enjoy our waterfront, and see what Dunkirk has to offer. A motion was made by Kurt Warmbrodt to support this event. Seconded by Dennis Wolfe. All voting aye. Carried.

The next Harbor Commission meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2013.

Motion to adjourn by Dennis Wolfe. Seconded by Allan Zurawski. All voting aye. Carried.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted

By *Patty Pleszewski*  
Patty Pleszewski, Secretary

\*A copy of the recorded meeting (March 20, 2013) is available in the Dept. of Recreation for review.