

Harbor Commission Minutes

The Greater Dunkirk Area Harbor Commission meeting was held Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Stearns Building Conference Room.

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

Members Absent: Shaun Heenan

Others Present: Patty Pleszewski, Secretary, Parks & Recreation Department ● Zen Olow ● Mike Rosing ● Gib Snyder, Observer ● Steve Neratko, Director of Planning & Development

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Nichols. Motion to accept of the March 20, 2013 minutes by Dennis Wolfe. Seconded by Kurt Warmbrodt. All voting aye. Carried. Due to the resignation of Shaun Heenan, Mayor Anthony J. Dolce appointed Tom Murphy to the Harbor Commission with a term to expire June 6, 2014.

Chairman Nichols said he and Commission member Al Zurawski met with the Mayor in regards to a lease agreement for the boat launch area. It was decided there was not enough time to take action on it this year but wait until 2014. Chairman Nichols told the Mayor that the Harbor Commission would support his decision on the lease for 2014. The Harbor Commission discussed and made a list of recommendations for the Mayors review.

Learned that the farmers market will be held in Memorial Park. Parking will be on the eastern side of Memorial Park near the marina. There will also be crafters. The hours of operation will be on Thursday from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. and on Sundays early morning until noon.

Copies of a survey was presented to the Harbor Commission by Al Zurawski who told the Commission that the Northern Chautauqua Conservation Club is requesting additional parking. Motion was made by Kurt Warmbrodt to accept the plan as presented. Seconded by Ken Kuwik. All voting aye. One abstaining vote by Al Zurawski. Carried.

Development Director Steve Neratko reported that work will begin on the bike path the week of April 21st. Phase II will begin on Point Drive North and continue over near the lot between the Clarion Hotel and Tim Hortons. New curbing and blacktop will also be installed.

The boat launch will be opened on May 4th which is also opening day of bass season.

Commission member Dennis Wolfe questioned if there has been any progress on grant applications being processed. Mr. Wolfe noted there was an article in a Boat US magazine called Boating Infrastructure Grant Program. Development Director Steve Neratko said he would be willing to look into this grant. Mr. Neratko said he is also looking into grants for dredging the boat launch area. He said both Westfield and Hanover are looking for the same funding and there may be a possibility of the city working together with them in the future. Steve also spoke to Empire State Development recently and said there may be

some programs in this years Consolidated Funding Application. Mr. Neratko mentioned that at the last meeting in regards to the weed harvesting, he has been told in regards to the bed tax funds, is that it is not a competitive project mainly because they want long term effects, they do want to see weed cutting on a one year basis. Mr. Neratko told the Commission he will continue to look into grant funding.

The next Harbor Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2013 – 6:00 p.m. at the City's Boat Launch building. Motion to adjourn by Kurt Warmbrodt. Seconded by Al Zurawski. All voting aye. Carried.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted

By *Patty Pleszewski*
Patty Pleszewski, Secretary

*A copy of the recorded meeting (April 17, 2013) is available in the Recreation Department for review.