

Harbor Commission Minutes

The Greater Dunkirk Area Harbor Commission meeting was held Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Stearns Building Conference Room.

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Patty Pleszewski, Secretary, Parks & Recreation Department ● Zen Olow ● Judy Presutti, Dunkirk Housing Authority ● Don Carpenter, Buffalo Lake Erie Wireless ● Steve Neratko, Director of Planning & Development

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Nichols. The Harbor Commission recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussed was the review of antenna installation at 15 N. Main Street (Housing Authority Building) by the Zoning Board. Building Inspector Al Zurawski told Commission members that approval was made by the zoning board of appeals to put the antennas on the existing penthouse. Don Carpenter of Buffalo Lake Erie Wireless. They are a local cell phone and wireless internet company serving Western NY, Southern Tier, Northern PA and Eastern Ohio. Mr. Carpenter spoke to the commission describing the plans for the installation of the antennas. The color of the antennas will be painted to blend in with the building. Motion to approve the project was unanimous. One abstaining vote by Building Inspector Al Zurawski. Judy Presutti thanked that Harbor Commission for their support.

Motion to approved minutes of the September 17, 2014 meeting was made by Gene Pauszek. Seconded by Al Zurawski. All voting aye. Carried.

New Business – The Harbor Commission reviewed commercial bait fishing permits from:

1. David E. Watts Dave's Bait & Tackle Derby, NY
2. Ricky J. Miller Jerome Millers Bait Store Irving, NY

A motion was made by Gene Pauszek to approve the bait fishing permits. Seconded by Al Zurawski. All voting aye. Carried.

Commission member Al Zurawski noted that bait applications would be accepted until January 31, 2015.

Commission member Mike Rosing discussed the lettering on the World War I signs in Memorial Park. Rosing stated that the bronze lettering are worn and cannot be read. The possibility of polishing the lettering could be the answer. Chairman Nichols said he would like to contact the local Legions to address the issue.

Commission members discussed porta potties at the pier. Commission member Gene Pauszek said he feels the porta potties are a convenience for the outdoorsmen. It was suggested that the porta potties be placed when the lake thaws (March ?). Al Zurawski will contact DPW Director Tony Gugino regarding this matter.

Commission member Gene Pauszek asked if there were any type of rules and regulations for duck hunting in the harbor. Commission Member Al Zurawski read the City's Dock and Harbor Ordinance for rules and regulations for duck hunting in the harbor. It was noted that it is a Federal Rule not to duck off the wall. According to Section 24-5F duck hunting/waterfowl hunting will be allowed in the middle harbor north of the navigation channel in a parallel line 1,000 feet along the U.S. breakwall and outer harbor within the regulations of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service of NYS DEC. Duck and waterfowl hunting is prohibited in the marked navigation channels.

Chairman Nichols noted that the church renovations to Inglesia Getsemani Pentecostal Ag located at 115 Central Avenue looked good. Also noted that the recently installed LED sign at the Clarion also looks good.

Commission member Mike Rosing would like to see members of the Common Council attend future Harbor Commission meetings.

Chairman Nichols questioned Development Director Steve Neratko if the city has applied for bed tax money. Neratko responded by saying that in 2012 an application was prepared. The city was told by the county that it would not be an eligible project and it would not meet their minimum qualifications for the project and there was no reason to submit it. Neratko said he did not know of any other funding opportunities but would apply for funding if they were to become available.

Zen Olow handed out a list of fishing tournaments on the Great Lakes to Harbor Commission Members.

Commission member Kurt Warmbrodt asked what the status was on dredging. Zen Olow responded by saying the last report he heard from the Lake Erie Management is that negotiations are being made to come back next year.

There will be a Great Lakes Experience again on June 13 in Memorial Park.

Chairman Nichols said that sometime this summer he would like to get together with DPW Director, Tony Gugino to discuss the Christmas light decorations for businesses on Lake Shore Drive, West.

The next Harbor Commission meeting is scheduled for February 18. Motion to adjourn by Gene Pauszek. Seconded by Mike Rosing. All voting aye. Carried.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted

By Patty Pleszewski
Patty Pleszewski, Secretary

*A copy of the recorded meeting (January 21, 2015) is available in the Recreation Department for review.