

## Harbor Commission Minutes

The Greater Dunkirk Area Harbor Commission meeting was held Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Stearns Building.

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

Members Absent: Shaun Heenan

Others Present: Patty Pleszewski, Secretary, Recreation Department ● Zen Olow  
William Heenan, Harbormaster ● Mike Rosing ● Councilwoman at  
Large Stephanie Kyiak ● Gib Snyder, Observer ● Tim Gornikiewicz,  
Department of Development

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Nichols. Motion to approve the November 17, 2011 minutes by Gene Pauszek. Seconded by Ken Kuwik. All voting aye. Carried.

### New Business:

Two (2) application permits for commercial bait fishing were submitted for review by the Harbor Commission. A motion was made by Allan Zurawski and seconded by Gene Pauszek to approved the commercial bait fishing permits from David E. Watts, Dave's Bait & Tackle, Derby, NY and Gerald Olejniczak, Penrod's Bait & Tackle, Buffalo, NY. All voting aye. Carried. Applications will be forwarded to the Common Council for final approval.

### General Discussion:

Commission member Allan Zurawski noted that the date of the Wreck and Roll Festival has been changed to Saturday, June 9. This change was made so there would not be a conflict with the opening of bass season. Zen Olow handed out a list of upcoming fishing tournaments: June 9-17, Southtown's Walleye Tournament, NY waters, July 7-8, Amara Can Tournament, out of Dunkirk and August 3-5 Con Club Annual Walleye Derby at the Conservation Club in Dunkirk. Also listed is the opening date of walleye (May 5<sup>th</sup>), trophy bass, Lake Erie (May 5) and first day of black bass (June 16).

Harbormaster, William Heenan has reported to the Commission that he has ordered (100) boat launch stickers at a cost of \$.75/sticker. A purchase order and voucher will be typed by the Harbor Commission secretary and kept in file.

Mike Rosing made a request to Harbor Commission members that Point Gratiot stay open in warm weather.

Chairman Nichols asked if anyone has heard if an application had been filed for the bed tax monies. Zen Olow reported that a new lead commission called the Lake Erie Management Commission is going to pursue this matter. Olow will keep the Commission informed on any information he receives.

Learned that plans continue to develop with the marina.

Commission member Gene Pauszek said he would like to see the bathroom on the city pier open to the public during the winter months or to have a port a potty placed by the boat launch area.

Commission member Al Zurawski reported that the Department of Development has requested that a bird watching sign that was obtained through the Seaway Trail be placed on the city pier. Chairman Nichols and Commission member Zurawski reviewed locations where to place the sign. General consensus is to place the sign on the south end where the video phone is parallel to the sidewalk and installed by the shipwreck sign. Once the weather breaks a cement pad will be poured for the sign to be placed on.

Commission member Kurt Warmbrodt noted that on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Northern Conservation Club at 7:00 p.m. there will be a meeting on Lake Erie Management. This meeting is free of charge and Harbor Commission members are welcome to attend.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Conf. Room of the Stearns Building.

Motion to adjourn by Kurt Warmbrodt. Seconded by Gene Pauszek. All voting aye. Carried.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted

By Patty Pleszewski  
Patty Pleszewski, Secretary