

Harbor Commission Minutes

The Greater Dunkirk Area Harbor Commission meeting was held Monday, July 16, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Boat Launch.

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

Members Absent: Shaun Heenan

Others Present: Patty Pleszewski, Secretary, Parks & Recreation Department ● Zen Olow ● Samantha McDonnell, Observer ● Mike Rosing ● Stephanie Kyjak, Councilwoman at Large

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Nichols. Motion to approve May 16, 2012 minutes by Al Zurawski. Seconded by Ken Kuwik . All voting aye. Carried.

New Business:

Chairman Nichols told members of the Harbor Commission that Jeff Wentz of Chadwick Bay Construction was scheduled to present a conceptual plan for the Inglesia Church located at 115 Central Ave. No action was taken but the Commission agreed to hold a future meeting with Mr. Wentz to discuss the conceptual plans.

Learned that the fish cleaning station is up and running. It was determined that it had been a burned out motor or a breaker failure.

Harbor Commission Member Kurt Warmbrodt questioned why the lights were out along the Memorial Wall. Al Zurawski will check with DPW Director Anthony Gugino.

Commission Member Warmbrodt questioned why the group of small trees in the sidewalk behind the Clarion Hotel have the grates around them. These grates are killing the base of the trees where the roots cannot grow. Mr. Warmbrodt suggested removing these grates and putting in crushed stone.

Commission Member Gene Pauszek brought up the issue of divers that have in the past cleaned up the debris in the lake. Mr. Pauszek said he has heard there is a lot of debris at the bottom of the lake and is quite noticeable with the water levels being so low. The Commission will be contacting Gary Katta of the City's dive team to see if they are scheduled to do a clean up as in the past.

Learned that the Cassadaga Lakes weedcutter is in the Dunkirk Harbor. Funding for the weedcutter has been made available through the bed tax money.

Bike Path status – according to Councilwoman-at-Large Stephanie Kiyak, the money has been received but put on hold until the CDBG audit is complete.

The Commission also talked about the future of the NRG Plant. Commission Member Kurt Warmbrodt said no one wants to see the plant close. The plant has been there for 64 years. Councilwoman-at-Large Kiyak told the Commission it would be a golden opportunity for the Commission to voice their ideas at the CDBG public hearing on July 25th at the SUNY Fredonia Incubator.

The next Harbor Commission meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the City's Boat Launch.

Motion to adjourn by Ken Kuwik. Seconded by Gene Pauszek. All voting aye. Carried.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted

By *Patty Pleszewski*
Patty Pleszewski, Secretary