

## Harbor Commission Minutes

The Greater Dunkirk Area Harbor Commission meeting was held Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the City's Boat Launch.

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

Members Absent: Shaun Heenan ● Kurt Warmbrodt

Others Present: Patty Pleszewski, Secretary, Parks & Recreation Department ● Zen Olow ● Mike Rosing ● Jeffrey Wentz, Chadwick Bay Contractors ● Craig Vetter ● Gib Snyder, Observer ● Andy Gonzalez, Third Ward Councilman & Representative of Church

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Nichols. Motion to accept of the July 26, 2012 minutes by Ken Kuwik. Seconded by Al Zurawski. All voting aye. Carried.

### New Business:

The Harbor Commission briefly discussed a sign at 171 Lake Shore Drive, West (Brigham & Lake Shore Drive). It was the general consensus of the Harbor Commission to approve the size of the sign.

Mr. Jeff Wentz of Chadwick Bay Construction spoke to the Harbor Commission regarding making improvements to the property Inglesia Church located on 113-117 Central Avenue. Mr. Wentz said it is the same footprint as the existing building. Mr. Wentz explained the current space is not set up for a church building for their use as a church facility. Mr. Wentz said the church also plans to do temporary housing for emergency mission work for women and children. Councilman Andy Gonzalez who serves on the church board explained to the members of the Harbor Commission that the housing would be for a period of 1-2 days. Mr. Wentz told the Commission that the church wants their whole congregation to enter from the back side on Eagle Street stating that the doors in the front are only for emergency exits. Roof would be architectural shingles. Commission member Allan Zurawski questioned how far along the project was. Mr. Wentz said the preliminary design that has been presented to the Commission has been sent to the engineer and architect to do their code work and the structure work for what they are proposing for. Commission Member Zurawski told Mr. Wentz that the role of the Harbor Commission is to approve or disapprove with or without the conditions and send recommendations to the Common Council. The Harbor Commission does not make any decisions, we are just an advisory Board. At this point Zurawski said the Harbor Commission may give preliminary approval or disapproval with concerns and wait until the architect does come up with a final site plan for review and then take official action to move towards the Common Council. Mr. Zurawski said we (the Commission) are not here to approve the use, or to approve the shelter but to be sure that the site plan is consistent with the local waterfront revitalization plan. After further discussion Chairman Nichols asked the Commission who was in favor of conceptually agreeing with the proposal presented at the Harbor Commission. Those agreeing Ken Kuwik –yes, Gene Pauszek – yes, Jim Nichols – yes, Allan Zurawski – yes, Dennis Wolfe – abstaining. Carried.

Commission Member Gene Pauszek would like the Commission to consider an idea of having a sign painted at the boat launch stating when an attendant is unavailable, place money in envelope with a boat/trailer license number and put through door slot. Some of the Commission members thought the idea would be a risk of vandalism as well as a liability issue. A lock box on the outside of the building was also suggested.

Compliments went to the Conservation Club on their recent tournament that ran smoothly.

Motion to adjourn by Dennis Wolfe. Seconded by Ken Kuwik. All voting aye. Carried. The next Harbor Commission meeting is scheduled for on September 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted

By *Patty Pleszewski*  
Patty Pleszewski, Secretary