

Harbor Commission Minutes

The Greater Dunkirk Area Harbor Commission meeting was held Wednesday, March 19, 2014 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: Tom Murphy

Others Present: Patty Pleszewski, Secretary, Recreation Department ● Zen Olow, CC Federation ● Stephen Millett ● George Burns III ● Lance L. Ehrharch, Eastern Lake Erie Charter Boat Association

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Nichols. Harbor Commission members recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion to accept the minutes from the January 15, 2014 meeting was made by Allan Zurawski. Seconded by Mike Rosing. All voting aye. Carried.

New Business:

The Harbor Commission reviewed application permits for commercial bait fishing from:

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| 1. William VanCamp | Big Catch Bait & Tackle | Buffalo, NY |
| 2. Raymond Pauszek II | Ray Pauszek | Dunkirk, NY |
| 3. Ricky Miller | Miller's Bait & Tackle | Irving, NY |

The Harbor Commission agreed to wave the window time from which was November 1 – January 31st in order to execute the above application permits. Motion was made by Allan Zurawski. Seconded by Gene Pauszek. All voting aye. Carried. Zen Olow noted that there has been a lack of applications in recent years due to the VHS (disease) issue. A motion then was made by Mike Rosing. Seconded by Al Zurawski to send the application permits for commercial bait fishing to the Common Council to act on approval at the next Common Council meeting. All voting aye. Carried.

Learned that to date, no one has responded to the RFP for the operation of the City Boat Launch. The question is would the operation of the boat launch go back to the way it used to be? Chairman Nichols said he will await the Mayor's decision.

Commission member Mike Rosing expressed his concern to have cleets and assist handles placed on the docks so you can get out of your boats without anyone getting hurt. Al Zurawski will be contacting DPW Director Tony Gugino regarding this matter.

Commission member Al Zurawski explained to the Commission that the site plan for the marina has been approved in late 2103. The footprint of the building is still the same. The site plan includes landscaping, parking, entryways.

Commission member Kurt Warmbrodt said he would like to see the city work on getting the pipes lowered at the boat launch by approximately by a foot. Warmbrodt said he realizes that it will take money and man hours, but felt that right now the docks are dangerous and way too high for most boats.

Stephen Millett, Operator of the Brown Bean on the Boardwalk was in attendance at the Harbor Commission meeting expressed concerns he has been having with water in the

building. The problems has been on going for over a month and he would like to get this resolved as soon as possible. He has only able to serve coffee. Chairman Nichols and Commission Member Al Zurawski said they would be in contact with the city (Thursday) to see why this issue has not been resolved and to see what it will take to get things back to full operation.

Commission Member Kurt Warmbrodt wanted to make mention that if the Classic Car Show is planning to run another event at Point Gratiot this year someone needs to speak to the powers that be about the long lines (past the Moose Club) that were preventing people from getting in and out of their driveways. He said that cars were moving at a very slow pace, overheating and the car fumes were quite intense. Warmbrodt said the event was wonderful and it nice to see a tremendous crowd of people gathering at Point Gratiot to view the classic cars. It was suggested that for safety purposes that the lanes should be kept open.

General Discussion:

Zen Olow reported to the Harbor Commission that he recently attended a meeting in Buffalo, NY with the Commissioner of the DEC along with 10 others from Western NY. Olow brought up about the access that the Governor keeps on talking about access to hunting and fishing opportunities within NY State. Mr. Olow proposed that the Governor get involved in the dredging of the navigational and recreational channels. Commissioner Joe Martin said that he would pass that along to the Governor to see what can be done from his aspect. Mr. Olow said that at one time there was money in the New York State budget to do that but is now gone.

The next Harbor Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 2014 – 6:00 p.m. at the Stearns Building Conference Room. Motion to adjourn by Gene Pauszek. Seconded by Kurt Warmbrodt. All voting aye. Carried.
Minutes Respectfully Submitted

By *Patty Pleszewski*
Patty Pleszewski, Secretary

*A copy of the recorded meeting (March 19, 2014) is available in the Recreation Department for review.