

City of Alpena
Harbor Advisory Committee
Regular Monthly Meeting – City Hall Council Chambers
4:30 p.m., Thursday, June 3, 2021

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Agenda

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MODIFICATIONS

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES-May 6, 2021

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

BUSINESS:

1. Corrective Action Update - *Committee/Staff*
2. Master Plan - *Committee/Staff*
 - Public Survey Final Review
 - User Question Development
 - Charette Scheduling – Date, Time, Location
3. Winter Storage / Parking – *Committee*

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENTS

STAFF COMMENTS

NEXTMEETING: Date: TBD
 Topics for Discussion: Master Plan

ADJOURNMENT

City of Alpena Harbor Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes 4:30 p.m., Thursday, May 6, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m.

Committee members present: Ed Retherford, Al Moe, Wayne Lewis, Tanner Kostelic, Don LaBarre, Steve Wilson, Jason Luther, Jeremy Winterstein

Committee members absent: None

Staff present: Shannon Smolinski, Rich Sullenger, Steve Shultz, Rachel Smolinski

Others present: Anne Gentry (DDA) Rich McTaggart (Thunder Bay Shores Marine)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by Retherford, Second by Lewis, Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -MARCH 2, 2021 & APRIL 6, 2021 -Motion by Moe, Second by Retherford.

HARBORMASTER’S REPORT:

DNR will do a fly over in July and take an updated picture of the marina to be used for marketing. Interviews are currently taking place to hire a full-time employee at the marina. Fish cleaning station is now open. Boards are still up on the windows to help from the water freezing with some of the cold nights we have had.

BUSINESS:

1. Corrective Action Plan Status Update– Prattscape has completed a significant amount of landscaping at the marina. Thunder Bay Electric is currently working on the lights. Boats will need to be moved to gain access to some of the repairs. Pedestals for the lights are no longer being made and will need to be repaired. A standard pedestal cost is around \$1500.00. The City needs an updated list of what still needs to be repaired.

2. Marina Priorities

- Master Plan Development – Overview Survey Development

A walkthrough with the harbormaster, Rich, Eric and Niko from NEMCOG took place Tuesday at the marina. Eric stated there was some reoccurring themes that came up like maintenance and improvements as well as marketing. Shannon stated there was talk about breaking the survey into different sections of the marina. Questions could reference a google map and suggest that people list what amenities they would like to see in different areas in the marina. Rachel felt that question 3 would be hard to answer and suggested breaking out the question more and also how do you use the marina? Rachel added that she feels this should be two surveys to include local users and visitors. Some people will want paper copies of the survey to fill out and return or maybe information with a link to the survey or a QR code could be used. Eric is expecting to have all questions entered in survey monkey next week and would allow 30-60 days to gather information. It is important to get the survey pushed out to as many people as possible such as the Yacht Club, charter boat captains, radio, and newspaper. The marina is currently in the City's Recreation Plan but will not satisfy the Waterways rec plan requirements. Retherford stated that there used to be a program through the DNR where boaters would come and get free dockage but would serve coffee, plant flowers, etc. Shannon said is going to check into this with Lynnea. Rachel suggested the City's new Facebook page could promote the marina as well as calling the Alpena News and seeing if they want to do a story on the marina. Shannon is going to set up a meeting with the visitors' bureau to get the Marina's name out to people. Eric stated that the marina is known by so many different names and it would be a good idea to come up with one consistent name that would stick out. Everyone seemed to agree on Alpena Harbor.

3. Fresh Waves – Anne is hoping to have up to eight free-standing structures fabricated and installed in the grassy area near the large parking lot at the Alpena Boat Harbor on Harbor Drive. Applications are due May 25th. Meridian Contracting has provided a quote for installation and painting them should commence towards the end of July, around the Brown Trout Festival. DDA would be responsible for the maintenance on the structures. Structures are intended to be permanent but could be moved if necessary. Rachel questioned if there should a cause for concern with these getting damaged with people

walking through that area during Brown Trout. Anne does not feel that it would be an issue since they are in the ground and during Brown Trout a temporary orange fence goes up in that area. There is also extra security around for the Brown Trout Festival. There was some concern about damage to the bottom of them from trimming around them and water and salt damage. Anne stated she could talk to Todd from Meridian and possibly have him move them up so they aren't setting right on the ground. Anne added this is the first year trying this type of art. If there is problems or concerns maybe next year we will continue on with wall paintings like previous years. ***Motion to support the fresh waves project made by LaBarre, second by Wilson.***

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment provided

MEMBER'S COMMENTS: LaBarre attended a NOAA staff meeting this week and Jeff Grey expressed interest in partnerships with the sanctuary and would like to attend one of the HAC meetings, possibly next month.

NEXT MEETING: Set for June 3rd, at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Retherford, Second by Wilson.



City of Alpena Marina Master Plan

* 1. How would you describe yourself? Please choose all that apply.

- Year round resident of the City of Alpena area.
- Seasonal resident of the City of Alpena area.
- Year round resident outside of the City of Alpena, but within Alpena County
- Seasonal resident outside of the City of Alpena, but within Alpena County
- City of Alpena Business Owner.
- Resident of Montmorency, Presque Isle or Alcona County
- Resident in a county other than Alpena, Montmorency, Presque Isle or Alcona County.
- Resident in a different state.

* 2. How long ago was your first visit to the City of Alpena Marina?

- Less than a month ago
- 1-5 months ago
- 6-12 months ago
- 2-10 years ago
- 11-20 years ago
- Over 20 years ago
- I've never visited

* 3. In the past year, how often have you or members of your household visited the City of Alpena Marina?

- Never
- 1-5 times
- 6-15 times
- 16 or more times

* 4. Why do you visit the City of Alpena Marina? Please choose all that apply.

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Use private or public docks | <input type="checkbox"/> Boating, kayaking, sailing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Casual or informal use (picnic, meet friends, walking, children's play area) | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend an event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness or exercise | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoy nature, view | <input type="checkbox"/> I do not use the City of Alpena Marina |

Other (please specify)

5. How would you rate the existing facilities/amenities at the City of Alpena Marina?

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Very Good | <input type="radio"/> Poor |
| <input type="radio"/> Good | <input type="radio"/> Very Poor |
| <input type="radio"/> Neutral | |

6. How would you rate the safety and security of the City of Alpena Marina?

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Very Good | <input type="radio"/> Poor |
| <input type="radio"/> Good | <input type="radio"/> Very Poor |
| <input type="radio"/> Neutral | |

* 7. What improvements would you like to see to the City of Alpena Marina? Please choose all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Improved shoreline boater services (buildings, showers, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved accommodations for community events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improved public restrooms | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved facilities for children/youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More access to open space/view marina | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional picnic tables and benches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More access for public contact with water (fishing, education, paddle sports) | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved waling and biking facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improved parking areas | <input type="checkbox"/> I do not think any improvements are needed at the City of Alpena Marina |

Other (please specify)

8. What is your age?

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 17 and under | <input type="radio"/> 40-49 |
| <input type="radio"/> 18-29 | <input type="radio"/> 50-64 |
| <input type="radio"/> 30-39 | <input type="radio"/> 65 or older |

9. How many people currently live in your household?

- 1
- 2
- 3-5
- 6 or more

10. Would you recommend the City of Alpena Marina to family or friends?

- Yes
- No

11. What do you feel are some of the strengths of the City Marina

12. What do you feel are some of the weaknesses of the City Marina?

13. What improvements would you like to see at the City Marina?

14. As part of the overall improvements, the City of Alpena is considering a name change for the Marina?

Would you recommend any of the following?

- City of Alpena Marina
- Alpena Marina
- Alpena Harbor
- Alpena Small Boat Harbor

Other (please specify)

15. **Attention** (optional): The City of Alpena is seeking additional input on the overall wants and needs of the marina. An intricate part of this Master Plan, planning process will be future meetings regarding projects and needs of the facilities. Your input is very important in assisting the development of the Master Plan, future projects, and overall needs of the facility. Please, provide an email address so we can keep you updated and invite you to attend these meetings.