

City of Alpena Harbor Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes 4:30 p.m., Thursday, June 2, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

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

Committee members absent: Jeremy Winterstein

Staff present: Shannon Smolinski, Anne Gentry, Cassie Stone

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion to approve the agenda by Moe, Second by Lewis, Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –May 5, 2022 – Motion by Wilson, Second by Lewis, Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

1. Fresh Waves – Kayla Peake was selected for the mural at the marina. It is no cost to the city. The money comes from the DDA. Shannon stated that we received a \$500.00 stipend to get ready for the mural. Primer was bought today and some of the glass panes will be getting replaced as well as adding a gutter. Shannon added that she will also be going after a façade grant to reside the lake side of Cochon and the driveway side of Cochon. The other sides aren't in that bad of condition. Motion made by Kostelic, Second by Luther to approve the Fresh Waves design as presented. Motion carried. Shannon is going to reach out to Art in the Loft to see if they would like to offer an art class for kids and have them paint the boards that go on the fish cleaning station for winter to help clean it up.

2. Request to reduce slip fees from Student – River Servia and Kayla Wagner
Shannon was approached by River and Kayla who are two young students that requested to come address the Harbor Advisory Committee about getting a half off price reduction for full time

students for slip fees. River stated that it is very hard to afford the slip fee with being a full time student and trying to work as well. It would be a huge help to get these fees reduced. Kayla added that promoting a price reduction to students would keep them coming back to the marina year after year. There isn't a lot of youth activities to do in this town and promoting youth boating in our area with the next generation of boaters is very important. There are currently five slips in the harbor that would qualify students with reduced fees if passed by the Harbor Advisory Committee. Three of these slips are considered prime spots in the harbor. Members are concerned about the possible abuse this could cause if passed. Shannon states that it is a \$3,400.00 hit to the marina if this is allowed. The applicant must apply at the beginning of the season every year and it will be first come, first serve. Provide the applicant with an application form to fill out as well. Motion made by Wilson to be able to receive a discounted slip rate, the applicant must be under 25, be a full time student, proof that you own the boat, one discounted slip per person with a maximum reduced slip fees to five total and must be docked at the transient section of the marina to receive a 50 % discount. Seconded by Moe. Motion carried. Shannon is going to take this recommendation to the City Manager. If she is on board, Shannon will hold off on Kayla and River's slip fees until we get through the application process and Shannon will delay the slip fees to be able to be paid later in the summer with the possibility of making monthly payments. Shannon doesn't believe this will have to go to council.

3. Brown Trout – Shannon stated they held a meeting in February to briefly discuss the needs from the Brown Trout and the City. For the week of the Brown Trout, it will cost \$15.00 to launch for the week, not \$7.00 per day or \$25.00 for the season for city residents and \$50.00 for the season for non-city that is currently charged. Shannon added she has three reservations already so far for the festival. The former Farmer's Market structure will be closed to accommodate parking for trailers and vehicles. One parking pass per slip will be issued for the marina holders.

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT: Operational Update – Shannon stated that we received the grant from waterways for \$150,000 to match with our \$156,000 for the new fixed docks. This will open four more slips on the other side. The project could possibly start this fall. The docks will be similar to the floating docks that are located on the Prentiss Street side. Potable water will need to be changed. The electrical will not change. Hopefully the new docks will be

available by next spring. Shannon added that we unfortunately lost a marina tech and there is an opening that is currently posted at DPW. There is a chip in the parts that are needed for the internet down at the marina. It is almost impossible to find. Steve is currently checking with mom and pop stores trying to locate what we need. The fiber is run out to the dock. There is a switch so once we get a chip we will be able to plug in the routers. Wilson stated that the board that was added by the gas dock side should be extended to the pump out, roughly forty more feet. There is also an anchoring mechanism that is missing but will be getting replaced. Shannon added that the electrical boxes will most likely will be part of a grant that will be applied for next year. Thunder Bay Electric will check all outlets for grounds and workability. Cochon is hoping to be open by the end of June. Wilson also requested adding some boards where the boom lift is in front of the marina. The boards got wrecked from the high water and there are some metal things sticking out there. There is an opening on the board following Retherford's resignation. Looking for a charter person or a day use member to join as well as a youth and government member.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Anne Gentry thanked the committee for their support of the Fresh Waves mural location at the marina.

MEMBERS COMMENT: Moe questioned where the front door entrance to the marina store (Cochon Market) will be located. Shannon stated it will be water side. Shannon is hoping to get a request for proposals out to replace the siding and windows on the storefront area and possibly shop area.

STAFF COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING: The July 7th meeting is cancelled. Next meeting will be August 4, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Lewis, Second by Wilson. Motion carried.