

City of Alpena Harbor Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes 4:30 p.m., Thursday, October 7, 2021

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

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

Committee members absent: Jason Luther, Jeremy Winterstein

Staff present: Shannon Smolinski, Rachel Smolinski, Steve Shultz, Cassie Stone

Others present: Eric Szymanski (NEMCOG)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 2, 2021 -Motion by Moe, Second by LaBarre, Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

1. Presentation by Huron Pines – Water Program Director, Samantha Nellis stated that Huron Pines is a small nonprofit organization. Their mission is to protect, restore and conserve Michigan’s natural resources. Currently Huron Pines is in the process of working on a stormwater assessment for the City of Alpena. Stormwater is an issue in the City and working on ways to better address the runoff into our Great Lakes. The results of the assessment are anticipated to be available by the end of winter. Nellis added that she is going to get contact information from engineers to Shannon who could help with the culvert issue down at the marina.

2. Master Plan

a. Master Plan Review – Eric spoke to members and staff about the highlighted areas in the Master Plan Draft and gathered information that needs to be corrected or added. Shannon asked members to start gathering a project list to incorporate into the Master Plan for Eric for the next meeting. The Master Plan will have to go to Planning Commission for approval and then it will go to Council for their approval.

3. Marina Pride – Would still like to have a meeting this fall to be able to gather a list of projects to begin in the spring. Projects could be pulled from the walkthrough list, such as painting the boat house, help renovate the boaters’ lounge, paint railings on the break wall and weeding flower beds. Wilson suggested getting a list for next meeting for spots that need attention as well as what volunteer groups would be interested in what projects. Shannon is going to get a list together to get out to the HAC members.

4. Critical Issues

a. Reevaluation Results – Shannon asked for some clarification on some of the issues that were listed such as Styrofoam under the decks, what location the grass is/isn’t growing, where the big hole is by the sprinkler system, gas pump clean up and clean up or get a new ice machine. Ice company no longer exists.

HARBORMASTER’S REPORT –

- Fish Cleaning Station Painting and Cleaning - Shannon stated that the walls in the fish cleaning station are starting to be stripped down but the 2 part epoxy that’s needed must be used at 50 degrees or higher in order to install it. The fish cleaning station needs to be either closed earlier this fall or done in the spring. Boat fishing is going to be done shortly so the station could be closed early.
- Goose Cleanup – Shannon is aware someone is down at the marina feeding the geese on a regular basis. Asked members to help spread the word to get it to stop.
- Prentiss Street Road Construction – Is scheduled for construction next year but there is a possibility of switching projects. There would be no access to the marina at times during the construction. Shannon is trying to figure out a way to maintain access when construction does eventually happen.
- Gas Dock Hours are being reduced to 8 – 5:00 p.m. now. There is still on call and Jason and Kelton’s hours are being changed to 4 -10 hour days starting next week.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MEMBER’S COMMENTS: Wilson said everything is going good.

STAFF COMMENTS: None

NEXT MEETING: Set for November 4, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by LaBarre, Second by Retherford