

HARBOR COMMISSION MINUTES MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2022

A meeting of the Manistee Harbor Commission was called to order by the Chair on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 1:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee MI 49660.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Swedenborg, Ty Cook, Jeff Mikula, George Becker, Mary Lou Mydill, Bill Gambill

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Tom Swedenborg, second by Jeff Mikula, to approve the agenda as submitted. Voice vote – motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jeff Mikula, second by George Becker, to approve the minutes for the July 26, 2022, as presented. Voice vote – motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Marina Marketing Plan Proposal
Still looking into funding sources. Possible partnership with the County Visitors Bureau. MS Creative will begin the process with drone footage – adding more later as funding allows. MS Creative will be working with Marina manager to choose the best time (busy) to fly the drone.
- Marina Patio
No start date scheduled yet, though fall completion is expected. All materials have been purchased and are in.
- Harbor Dredging
Dredging in process, no official report from the Army Corps of Engineers yet. Beach nourishment is not being dumped north as requested by Jeff Mikula. No explanation received on why it is being dumped south. Report came into the City last week of an overturned kayak with people holding on to the sides. Tuned out to be dredging equipment.

Army Corps of Engineers will be mobilizing on the south breakwater repair probably next week or the following week.

REPORTS

- Harbormaster – Marina Operations – Business is good, and the manager is happy with the staff. Docks are now 100% complete. Manistee Proud and SEEDS students are working at

the Marina this week. Power washing sidewalks, scrubbing benches, tables, swings, and wooden light posts, and they will be staining later in the week. Chair Swedenborg also worked on edging sidewalks at the Marina recently. The City Manager spoke with Kelly Greve of Manistee Proud about trimming trees around the property for better views of the river channel – will further discuss with the DPW. Also, outside doors on the public bathroom will be painted by DPW.

Peak fishing season has arrived. Two skid piers at the First Street boat launch have been damaged – fixing. Fish waste contractor, Huron Tackle, is storing refrigerator semitrailer of fish waste at the DPW cold storage area in the industrial park for a reduction in cost for hauling waste. There is no odor. Huron Tackle supplies a fertilizer company with the fish waste.

- City Manager – Boat Launch Revenue – none to report
Updated the Commission on addition of a sign on the boat launch machine about where boaters can get the season pass stickers after purchase.

NEW BUSINESS

- Report to Council – November 1, 2022, City Council Meeting
Chair Swedenborg needs to have the report rescheduled do to travel plans. Kelly will reschedule.
- Changes/Updates to GLCC’s Manistee Harbor Report
Commission members to review report and mark up with changes and email to Kelly for compiling. Ty Cook will check on the submission date deadline.
Discussed other publications. Kelly will scan and email to the group for review in preparation for marketing promotions.
- Other – MaryLou Mydill and George Becker received good feedback from a boater recently at the City Marina. Good report on the Marina but there were no open restaurants for drinks and air conditioning in close proximity.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

MOTION to adjourn by Chair Swedenborg at 1:36 p.m.

Kelly McColl
Recording Secretary