

**HARBOR COMMISSION MINUTES
MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 2017**

A special meeting of the Manistee Harbor Commission was held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee MI 49660. The meeting was called to order by the Chair.

Roll Call	Present	Excused Absence	Unexcused Absence
Commissioner Fritz Boehm	✓		
Commissioner Ty Cook	✓		
Commissioner Tim Kozal	✓		
Commissioner Jim Smith	✓		
Commissioner Alex Zaccanelli	✓		
Commissioner Glenn Zaring	✓		
Commissioner Roger Zielinski	✓		
City Manager Thad Taylor	✓		

OTHERS PRESENT: Tyler Leppannen

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sponsorship Idea for Marina Patio Area. Committee members Glenn Zaring and Ty Cook requested a special meeting to initiate a discussion to define the basis for the creation / improvement of the marina patio area.

At the October meeting the Harbor Commission approved the committee moving forward to form a plan to solicit funds (approximately \$11,000 to \$15,000) to complete the improvements using concrete as the best option; and addressing storm water and access. Draft promotional material was distributed.

The fundamental issue is jurisdiction over the patio area. Will the patio be considered a part of the marina facility and available only to marina patrons or will it be considered a part of the public park and available to all?

Positions varied, points made:

- Restricting use could restrict donations.
- Marina viability is a priority of this commission.
- If open to the public, a patronicity grant has potential for matching funds.
- Who would be responsible to maintain; the marina or the parks department?
- Legal question for the City Attorney.
- We should avoid using any additional taxpayer dollars for this facility.
- DDA is researching opportunities to add picnic tables and additional seating along the

Riverwalk.

- Was originally designed to be a patio for marina patrons accessible from inside the building but was deleted from the project because of a lack of funds.
- A plaque could be installed in the area stating: this patio brought to you by _____.
- Could this area be rented for additional revenue with a reservation system?

Following discussion the Harbor Commission arrived at a consensus for Mr. Taylor or Mr. Kozal to contact the City Attorney for an opinion on this matter and reconvene at a future date.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OTHER COMMENTS

- Thad Taylor – While in town for the Sleighbell Weekend, a family member provided high praise about Laura at the marina and the community in general.
- Tyler Leppanen – The Century Boat Club has decided to not return next year for Hops and Props. Looking for other boat club ideas. Ty Cook mentioned the Seaway Boat Club.
- General comments about the Sleighbell Weekend, larger than normal crowd.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

MOTION to adjourn by Roger Zielinski, second by Glenn Zaring at 1:30 p.m.

Cynthia Lokovich, CAP-OM
Recording Secretary