

**HARBOR COMMISSION MINUTES
MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2021**

A meeting of the Manistee Harbor Commission was called to order by the Chair on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Roll Call	Present	Excused Absence	Unexcused Absence
Commissioner Fritz Boehm		x	
Commissioner Ty Cook	x		
Commissioner Jeff Mikula	x		
Commissioner Tom Swedenborg	x		
Commissioner Alex Zaccanelli		x	
Commissioner Tracey Lindeman			x
Commissioner George Becker	x		
City Manager Thad Taylor	x		

OTHERS PRESENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Ty Cook, second by George Becker, to approve the agenda as presented.
With Roll Call this motion passed 4 to 0.

Yes: Ty Cook, Jeff Mikula, Tom Swedenborg, George Becker
No: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

- None

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

As required in the bylaws, the election of officers shall occur at the first meeting of each calendar year and officers shall take office upon selection and shall hold office for a term of one year.

MOTION by Jeff Mikula, second by Ty Cook, to re-elect the existing Chair and Co-Chair for the upcoming year.
With Roll Call this motion passed 4 to 0.

Yes: Ty Cook, Jeff Mikula, Tom Swedenborg, George Becker
No: None

Chair: Tom Swedenborg, Co-Char: Fritz Boehm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jeff Mikula second by Tom Swedenborg, to approve the minutes for the October 20, 2020 meeting as presented.

With Roll Call this motion passed 4 to 0.

Yes: Ty Cook, Jeff Mikula, Tom Swedenborg, George Becker

No: None

STAFF REPORTS

Harbormaster.

- Shoreline Revetment Project:
 - Publicly bid out Shoreline Protection package. Bid came in slightly over budget, met with contractor and agreed to value engineered changes to reduce price. EGLE permit has been received, still waiting on Corps of Engineers permit.
 - Swidorski Bros was awarded the contract and will begin constructing the fence around their staging area, east of the launch ramps. Rocks will be delivered beginning next week.
 - Riverwalk portion of project needs to be finished by July 1, 2021 and completion date for entire project is in September 2021.
 - Pavement in the boat ramp parking lot may suffer from the heavy loads but contractor is required to restore and patch.
 - Riverwalk will be elevated and cast in place on top of rock with steel railings. This should protect from future wave action and erosion.
 - Welcome sign will be cleaned and relocated to a more appropriate site by City staff when bank is stabilized.
- Received notice of approved permit from Corps of Engineers for work being done at Harbor Village – believe it is due to ongoing repairs of existing docks.
- Patio area at Marina building – Jeff will follow up.

City Manager.

- City was contacted by educators at MSU for a research project – study on highwater and shoreline erosion. Study utilizes a drone flown over shoreline by a trained community member. MSU already has 6 communities involved in the project and would like to add Manistee. Study would provide useful information which would include updates on erosion trends.

NEW BUSINESS

- Annual Review of Bylaws - *MOTION* by Tom Swedenborg, second by Ty Cook to table the review of bylaws until the April 20, 2021 meeting.
With Roll Call this motion passed 4 to 0.

Yes: Ty Cook, Jeff Mikula, Tom Swedenborg, George Becker

No: None

- Annual Review of Strategic Plan – *MOTION* by Tom Swedenborg, second by George Becker to table the review of Strategic Plan until the April 20, 2021 meeting.

With Roll Call this motion failed 2 to 2.

Yes: Tom Swedenborg, George Becker

No: Ty Cook, Jeff Mikula

Discussed the importance of prioritizing Strategic Plan for use in budget development. Waiting for the April meeting will not allow Jeff Mikula to consider Commission's priorities for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 if they differ from those in current Strategic Plan.

MOTION by Jeff Mikula, second by Ty Cook to hold a special meeting, within a months' time, to review and prioritize Strategic Plan.

With Roll Call this motion passed 4 to 0.

Yes: Ty Cook, Jeff Mikula, Tom Swedenborg, George Becker

No: None

Recording Secretary, Kelly McColl was directed to schedule the special meeting.

- Annual Review of Member Roster – *MOTION* by Jeff Mikula, second by Tom Swedenborg to verify the accuracy of the presented roster with the missing members, subject to that verification, approve the roster as presented or with necessary changes.

With Roll Call this motion passed 4 to 0.

Yes: Ty Cook, Jeff Mikula, Tom Swedenborg, George Becker

No: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

OTHER COMMENTS

- George Becker asked about the ownership of Marinas in the City limits, other than the Municipal Marina. Was informed the other marinas are privately owned but the City owns the river frontage and leases this to private owners.
- Jeff Mikula asked Thad Taylor if a completion date was known for Fricano's restaurant, located at 440 River Street, as it is likely to have an impact on the Marina. A date is not yet known.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

MOTION to adjourn by Tom Swedenborg, second by Jeff Mikula at 1:44 p.m.

Kelly McColl

Recording Secretary