

HARBOR COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 16, 2004

I. Roll Call

Jim Bartlett	Present
Yvonne DeWindt	Present
Al Dika	Present
John Flemming	Present
Tom Graham, Sr.	Absent
George Kilborn	Present
Bill McCullough	Present
Fred Rachwitz	Present
Jane Ramer	Present
Dick Schiller	Absent

Also present: Harbor Master Bob Bokram and City Manager Fred Geuder

Also present in the audience was Kevin Kronk of Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Bartlett.

II. Minutes

Motion by Dika, seconded by Kilborn, to approve the minutes of May 19, 2004, as presented.
Motion carried.

III. Public Comment and Correspondence

A letter was received from Laura Kors concerning the Two-Hour Dock.

IV. New and Old Business

A. West Dock Repair Update

City Manager Fred Geuder reported that City Council had approved the repair project, so scheduling with Walstrom's would be for work this fall.

B. Consideration of the Little Traverse Bay Watershed Protection Plan

Bartlett said that the City was being asked to endorse the Tip of the Mitt Little Traverse Bay Watershed Protection Plan. He asked Bill McCullough, who was the City's representative to the study committee to report.

McCullough said one purpose of the document was to give Tip of the Mitt a basis for proceeding with grant applications. The document outlines concerns, and what potentially can be done to alleviate those concerns.

Kevin Kronk from Tip of the Mitt stated that the list of partners was those organizations who had endorsed the plan. Endorsement of the plan does not create anything legally binding. Kronk further stated that the City might be involved in the mitigation of concerns.

Bartlett said that it appeared that Tip of the Mitt was looking for a recommendation to City Council to endorse the plan and adopt it as a guideline.

City Manager Geuder commented on what steps the City has taken over the past 10-15 years, and commented that the document does not seem to give the City its credit due.

McCullough stated that the City's policies were discussed at the meetings, but were not included in the document.

Bartlett stated that he hoped the general plan could be bought into.

Kilborn commented that the plan is what we should be working towards.

Rachwitz felt that it was good to have an independent organization looking at it.

Motion by Dika, seconded by DeWindt, to recommend to City Council that the Council endorse the study and become a partner in the plan. Motion carried.

C. Capital Expenditures Plan

The City Manager distributed a copy of the Capital Expenditures Plan, which shows both completed projects and potential future projects. He noted that he had add several items that had been suggested to him, including "Dark Sky" lighting on the waterfront (various locations), Weque-style lighting on West Bay by Zorn Park, and "Trex" surface for the raft at the beach.

Bartlett asked Commission members to continue looking at potential projects for the waterfront.

Yvonne DeWindt suggested that the upgrade of electric service on the East Dock be considered. She also asked what happened to the idea for a temporary upgrade.

Bartlett noted that the plan to install "dry" transformers underneath the dock was cancelled when the Electrical Code changed to prohibit that type of installation. Bartlett suggested that the City Manager contact Flotation Docks (Dan Carmichael) to see what they might suggest in this area.

McCullough suggested that we look at some way of upgrading the dinghy storage area just east of the Marina; the shore is very rocky, which makes it difficult for the dinghy storage. Bokram concurred.

Bartlett suggested that perhaps an industrial rubber mat may be answer.

D. Other Information

Bartlett noted that the City Manager had provided copies of the updated rules and map, as well as a copy of the Ford Park parking map.

Dika noted that the Police Department had worked at developing the maps.

E. Open Forum

None.

V. Meeting Schedule

The next meeting of the Harbor Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, July 14, at 4:00 p.m. The other required summer meeting is scheduled for August 11.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Frederick W. Geuder, City Manager