

Lakefront and Harbor Committee
Wednesday, March 25, 2009
Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:30 pm on March 25, 2009 by Chairperson Micki O'Connell.

Roll Call: Micki O'Connell, Ed Snyder, Rick Pappas, Robert Chanson, Lee Eakright, Steve Beers (arrived at 4:33 pm)

Absent: Joel Bikowski

Also Present: Carl Bergesen, Daryl Fredrickson, Village Clerk Dennis Martin, Matt Oglesby, Steele Whowell, Tom Whowell

Visitors Heard

None

General Business

Approval of Minutes – February 25, 2009

Pappas/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to approve the February 25, 2009 minutes as submitted, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Pier Addition Application Filed With DNR by Austin Pier Service for Willow Bend Marine (Jerry's Marine) Pier

The agenda item incorrectly stated that the pier addition permit was filed by Fontana Holding Company for the Jerry's Marine pier, but the pier is owned and the application was filed by Willow Bend Marine. Daryl Fredrickson of Austin Pier Service stated that he submitted the pier permit application to the Wisconsin DNR to authorize the proposal to lengthen the pier by 15 feet and push the "T" out further into the bay. There was discussion on congestion in the mooring area and whether any changes are allowed by the terms of the 1989 DMA agreement that was signed by the lakefront business owners. Pappas stated that the committee should wait and see if the application is approved by the DNR before it is considered by the committee.

Pappas/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to table the item until the report is received from the DNR, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Mark Walsh, DNR Pier Application

O'Connell stated that the DNR has approved the pier permit application filed by Mark Walsh, 1064 S. Lakeshore Drive. O'Connell stated that approval has been granted for a total of three slips and a current photograph of the area shows that there are four slips. The committee was in consensus that approval should be recommended with the condition that the DNR specifications are met and only three slips are installed, and that the applicants should submit an as-built photograph depicting the three slips.

Pappas/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the pier permit application filed by Mark Walsh subject to the DNR specifications being met, with the conditions that only three moorings are permitted and that an as built survey be provided upon completion. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Reconsider Commercial Rate Recommendation for 2009 Season

O'Connell stated that the Village Board approved the request to have the committee reconsider its initial recommendation on the launch rates for 2009. Tom Whowell requested at last month's meeting that the committee reconsider the recommendation because there was no input received

from the owners of the local marina businesses. Whowell presented a letter to the committee that requests the commercial launch rates for 2009 be restored to the 2008 level. Whowell stated that it only takes a few minutes more for his staff to use the lift at Gordy's to launch boats, and if the rates are too high for commercial launches at the municipal launch, they will not use the municipal launch this season. Carl Bergesen stated that he is in complete agreement with Whowell. Bergesen stated that he already gets "double dipped" when he gets charged to launch a boat at the beginning of the season, and then has to pay another launch fee at the end of the season to take the boat out. Matt Oglesby stated that when Jerry's Maine uses the municipal launch it takes very little time and the two employees do not require any assistance from the Village employees at the launch. Oglesby stated that the proposed rates for 2009 are too high of an increase for one season. Chanson stated that it was the committee's intent to make the resident boat launch rate equal to the commercial launch rate. Chanson stated that residents were paying more to launch their boats than non-residents who launch their boats through a commercial operation. Chanson stated that the committee also does not want the municipal launch to become an "in-out" service location for all of the area marinas because of the less expensive rates in the Village of Fontana. Pappas stated that the initially established commercial launch rate of \$1,250 for the first 100 launches, or \$12.50 per launch, is a big jump from last year, but it is what the residents get charged. Snyder stated that the Village should set the launch rate at \$7.50 for residents and commercial launches. Eakright stated that he also feels the issue is a matter of equity between the rate charged to residents and the commercial rate. O'Connell stated that the budget has been adopted using revenue projections based on the launch rates established in December, and there have been season passes sold based on the adopted rates. Beers stated that it was apparent from the report of last year's launch activity that the honor box or self-reporting system is being abused by the commercial launch businesses when the launch is not manned. Following further discussion on the DNR regulations concerning the local establishment of launch rates, the committee was in consensus that the commercial launch rates should be increased from last year, but not as high as initially set. Also, Pappas stated that some of the commercial businesses did not use the first 100 launches last season, so the commercial passes should be sold in increments of 50 launches.

Chanson/Pappas 2nd made a MOTION to recommend that the launch rates for the 2009 season be set at \$7.50 for resident and non-resident non-motorized or non-trailer boats; \$8.00 for resident and \$12.00 for non-resident motorized boats that are 25-feet-long or less; \$10.00 for resident and \$15.00 for non-resident motorized boats that are between 26-feet and 29-feet-long; that season passes are 10 times the individual rate; and that the commercial rate be set at \$400 for 50 launches, or \$8.00 per launch. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Fedyniak Request for Motorized Ramp and Buoy

O'Connell stated that Village staff located the July 20, 2007 memo that was referenced by Michael Fedyniak at last month's meeting, and it clearly informed him that in 2009 he would have to give up one of the two moorings he was leasing due to a change in the village policy. Fedyniak has put his name on the waiting list for a ramp for a non-motorized boat.

Shoreline Erosion Conference Report – Rick Pappas

Pappas stated that the DNR informed the conference attendees on the definitions of residents and non-residents and other issues concerning shoreline erosion.

DMA Review Guidelines – Tabled 2/25/09

Chanson stated that he would like more time to review the proposed guidelines drafted by Pappas. Chanson/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to table the item, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is April 29, 2009 at 4:30 pm.

Adjournment

Snyder/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Dennis L. Martin, village clerk

Note: These minutes are subject to further editing. Once approved by the Lakefront and Harbor Committee, the official minutes will be kept on file at the Village Hall.

APPROVED: 4/29/09