

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee
Wednesday, December 4, 2013
(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:30 pm on December 4, 2013 by Chairman Rick Pappas.

Committee Members Present: Trustee Rick Pappas, Bob Chanson, Ed Snyder, Lee Eakright, Joel Bikowski, Steve Beers

Committee Member Absent: Don Holst

Also Present: Village Clerk Dennis Martin, Police Chief Steve Olson

Visitors Heard

None

General Business

Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held October 30, 2013

Snyder/Bikowski 2nd made a MOTION to approve the October 30, 2013 minutes as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Recommendation on 2014 Lakefront Fee Charges

The Village Board already approved a \$5 increase for the cost of each resident parking sticker and is seeking a recommendation on the other lakefront fees for the 2014 season. Martin stated that the 2014 budget includes revenue projections that call for up to 3 percent increases in receipts for beach and boat launch revenue. Following discussion, the committee reached the consensus that since there were three buoys that did not get rented last season, that the \$830.64 fee for residents/property owners and \$1,661.28 fee for non-residents should not be increased; however, since all the slips were leased last season, there should be a slight increase for that fee. Snyder suggested increasing the lease fee for slips from \$2,288 to \$2,300 for residents/property owners and from \$4,576 to \$4,600 for non-residents. The ramp lease rates are set by the DNR and cannot be amended this year.

Snyder/Beers 2nd made a MOTION to recommend an increase in the lease fee for Village boat slips from \$2,288 to \$2,300 for residents/property owners and from \$4,576 to \$4,600 for non-residents, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Pappas stated that the Finance Committee also recommended an increase in the beach revenue projections and following discussion, the committee reached the consensus that the daily entry fees for the municipal beach should be increased by 50 cents to \$3.50 for children ages 6 through 11, and \$7.50 for ages 12 and older. The committee also reached the consensus that the fee for season beach passes for Big Foot High School District residents should be increased from \$30 to \$40 each; that the fee for non-residents should be increased from \$70 to \$80 each; that the fees for residents and property owners to purchase season beach tags should be increased from \$3 each to \$3.50 each for the first six tags, and from \$7 each to \$7.50 each for up to six more; that the special event parking fee should be increased from \$10 to \$15; and the VOF employee parking stickers should be increased from no cost to \$10 each.

Snyder/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to recommend an increase in the daily admission fees for the municipal beach to \$3.50 for children ages 6 through 11, and \$7.50 for ages 12 and older; to increase the fees for season beach tags for Big Foot High School District residents from \$30 to \$40 each, and for non-residents from \$70 to \$80 each; to increase the season beach tag fees for residents and property owners to \$3.50 each for the first six tags, and \$7.50 each for up to six more; to increase the special event parking rate from \$10 to \$15; and to increase the cost of Village of Fontana employee parking stickers from no cost to \$10 each. The MOTION carried

without negative vote.

Beach Tag Policy for Commercial Parcels

Following a lengthy discussion on the Abbey Provident Resort commercial tax parcels, and the several hundred season beach tags that were purchased and credited to the individual parcels, and then sold to resort patrons that last two seasons, the committee recommended the establishment of a \$10 commercial rate for the purchase of season beach tags and a limit of five per parcel.

Snyder/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to recommend the establishment of a season beach tag fee for commercial tax parcels at \$10 each for up to a maximum of five per parcel. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Ordinance Amendment for Lake Street Commercial Boat Launch Traffic

Pappas stated that if approved by the Village Board, the recommended change in the commercial boat launch traffic signage posted on Lake Street across the road from the village boat launch will also require an amendment to the Municipal Code section that governs one-way streets. Pappas stated that he will talk to Tom Whowell about his concerns that were brought up at the October 30, 2013 committee meeting, and he will talk to Police Chief Steve Olson to come up with a proposed ordinance amendment to be presented for a recommendation at the next monthly committee meeting. Pappas stated that the goal is to come up with language that is not ambiguous and provides clear directions to the commercial boat launch employees on who is authorized and when they are authorized to drive to the south on the one-way Lake Street that is currently approved for northbound traffic only. Olson stated that are concerns with all motorists if commercial drivers are authorized to drive the wrong way when an officer is not present. Olson stated that confusion and the possibility of other drivers not obeying the one-way direction to the north when they see commercial boat traffic being driven south could pose potential problems for all drivers and the police officers.

Snyder/Beers 2nd made a MOTION to table the item, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next monthly meeting tentatively will be held Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 4:30 pm if there is business to consider.

Adjournment

Snyder/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Dennis 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: 1/29/2014