

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee
Wednesday, January 20, 2010
(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:30 pm on January 20, 2010 by Chairperson Micki O'Connell.

Roll Call: Trustee Micki O'Connell, Steve Beers, Robert Chanson, Ed Snyder, Rick Pappas, Joel Bikowski, Lee Eakright

Also Present: Daryl Fredrick, Robert Leibsle, Village Clerk Dennis Martin, Larry Quist, Eddie Snyder, Tom Whowell

Visitors Heard

None

General Business

Approval of Minutes – October 28, 2009

There was one correction made to the DMA Reviews item on Page 3. The word “spaces” was added to the end of the second sentence, which now states, “32 ramp spaces on piers and 8 PWC lifts.” Chanson stated that in reviewing the minutes, he noted that the committee members wasted their time in considering the 2010 fees and rates and making a recommendation when a decision had already been made. Chanson stated that if the fees and rates were already going to be increased, the committee should not have been asked for a recommendation.

Pappas/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to approve the October 28, 2009 minutes as submitted, with the one correction, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Senior Citizen Request for Discount on Boat Launch Season Pass – Tabled 10/28/09

Pappas stated that he contacted the Wisconsin DNR, and the Village may approve a senior citizen discount for boat launch season pass rates; however, the discount would have to be equal for residents and nonresidents. Pappas stated that he is not in favor of changing the current rate structure. Chanson stated that having to apply a straight percentage across the board on the current rate for a senior citizen discount would complicate the lakefront operations.

Pappas/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to maintain the current rates, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Review 24-Hour Launch Time Limit for In and Out – Tabled 10/28/09

O'Connell stated that she discussed the proposal with two of the former harbormasters, Sam Fredrickson and Bill Morrison, and they both suggested keeping the 24-hour requirement in place. O'Connell stated that the proposal would cause a record keeping nightmare. Also the proposal would reduce the total revenue the Village makes at the launch and the Village is currently in need of more revenue sources. O'Connell then made a motion that was seconded by Pappas to provide one free launch and one free out-service for the people who lease the Village slips, ramps and buoys. Tom Whowell asked why only the lease holders would get the one free launch and one free out, and suggested that all property owners receive the same offer. Pappas stated that the only way the Village would be allowed to offer the deal would be through the slip, ramp and buoy leases because the DNR does not allow a municipality to differentiate between residents and nonresidents. Chanson stated that coupons for one free launch and out-service could be mailed out with the property tax bills. Pappas stated that it would not be allowed by the DNR,

unless nonresidents also were provided the same deal. The committee directed Martin to check with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities to determine if the proposal is allowed. O'Connell and Pappas withdrew their motion on the floor.

Pier Permit Application Filed by Trudy A. Havens and Gary Neilson, 403 North Lakeshore Drive

Larry Quist of Pier Docktors, Inc. stated that the application has been filed for a new pier to be installed. The lot has about 68 feet of lake frontage. The proposed pier will be 100 feet long by 8-foot-wide with three pier slips and an L-section. Quist stated that the application has been published and conditionally approved by the DNR. O'Connell stated that Quist should provide as-built photographs of the pier after it has been installed.

Pappas/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Pier Permit application as submitted by Pier Docktors, Inc. for Trudy A. Havens and Gary Neilson at 403 North Lakeshore Drive, subject to final approval by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Amended Pier Permit Application Filed by Margaret McNally, 413 North Lakeshore Drive

Quist stated that the application was filed to replace the current pier on the Margaret McNally property at 413 North Lakeshore Drive. The initially submitted application was approved in September 2009. The amended application was filed to modify the approved 100-foot-long, 8-foot-wide, 3-slip pier configuration. The slip and L-section configuration on the western side has been modified and the pier will be set further off the adjacent riparian zone line. O'Connell stated that Quist should provide as-built photographs of the pier after it has been installed.

Pappas/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Pier Permit application as submitted by Pier Docktors, Inc. for Margaret McNally at 413 North Lakeshore Drive, subject to final approval by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Portuguese Water Dogs Shows – September 2012 & September 2013

Snyder stated that the Abbey Resort would like to bring back the Portuguese Water Dogs Show that it hosted back in 2001. Snyder stated that the two shows would be held from Friday through Sunday during the last week in September 2012 and 2013. Snyder stated that the shows would be held on the beach, which would be taken care of and cleaned up by the event organizers, who also will pay the Village \$1,400 for the use of the beach.

Beers/Eakright 2nd made a MOTION to recommend approval of the Portuguese Water Dogs Shows to be held on the Village beach from Friday through Sunday, September 28 to 30, 2012, and from Friday through Sunday, September 27 to 29, 2013. The MOTION carried without negative vote. Snyder abstained.

Austin Pier Service 2010 Repair Schedule

The proposal totaling \$11,531 for repair work to the Village's piers was approved by the Village Board at its last meeting. The committee asked Daryl Fredrick of Austin Pier Service if Gage Marine gets charged for repairs to the pier it uses. Fredrick stated that Gage does not get charged for the annual repairs and maintenance; however, if there is a specific incident in which the pier is damaged, Gage would get billed for the service. Every pier will receive some repair work this year. Chanson stated that the agenda item is another instance where the Village Board already has made its decision, and the item is a waste of the committee member's time.

Snyder/Bikowski 2nd made a MOTION to approve the 2010 pier repair schedule as submitted, and the MOTION carried without negative vote. Chanson and Beers abstained.

Parking Meters/Parking Boxes Extension for Entire Year

O'Connell stated that she was thinking as a means to generate more revenue that the Village could consider extending the parking meter enforcement for the entire year. O'Connell stated that residents with the F stickers would still be able to park free. O'Connell stated that when the new centralized pay stations are installed, the meters should be enforced 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Snyder stated that he does not think it is a good idea to extend the parking meter enforcement to the off-season. Snyder stated that Lake Geneva gives everybody two free hours of parking during the off-season. Pappas stated that he thought the proposal would create a lot of hard feelings for the limited amount of revenue it could generate. Chanson stated that he agrees with Snyder and Pappas and the meter enforcement should not be extended. O'Connell stated that she would also like to discuss the extension of the village boat launch past October 15, until the end of the month. Williams Bay keeps its launch open until the end of October and generates more revenue. The committee members were concerned if the additional revenue would exceed the extra salary expense. Pappas stated that the Village of Fontana needs to be the same as the other lake municipalities and when the launch is not manned, the honor box must be used. The committee directed Martin to put the launch proposal on the agenda for the next monthly meeting.

DMA Reviews – Belvidere Park & Harvard Club

Bikowski stated that the Glenwood Springs Association would like to delay its review until next season and the piers are put back in, so that the association can make sure the count is accurate. Pappas stated that the committee should table all of the remaining reviews until the spring, so that the piers will be installed and the counts will be accurate.

Pappas/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to table the remaining DMA Reviews until May 2010, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 4:30 pm.

Adjournment

Chanson/Pappas 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 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: 2/24/10