

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE

Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm on February 17, 2016 by Chairman Rick Pappas.

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

Committee Member Absent: Lee Eakright

Also Present: Darrell Frederick, Clerk Theresa Loomer, Administrator Dennis Martin

Visitors Heard

Martin said the current village policy only permits mooring leaseholders to rent more than one village mooring space per season if the rental is for a buoy and for a non-motorized ramp space, for the purpose of storing a dingy that is used to provide transportation to and from the buoy. Since 20 of the 27 buoys have been removed for 2016, there will be more ramp spaces available due to the reduced need to store dinghies. Martin asked the committee members for feedback on whether the village should allow someone with a slip rental to also rent a ramp space for storage of a kayak or canoe or other non-motorized watercraft. There were two unrented ramp spaces at the end of the season last year. Martin suggested the ordinance be amended if necessary to allow the rental of both a slip and a ramp space. The committee members directed staff to have an item on the next meeting agenda to consider the proposal.

General Business

Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held October 28, 2015

Snyder/Beers 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes from October 28, 2015 as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Fontana Shores Proposed Pier Addition

Martin summarized the application submitted by Fontana Shores and reviewed by Zoning Administrator Bridget McCarthy for a pier addition and an amendment to the Fontana Shores DMA. Darrell Frederick from Austin Pier Service explained the request and noted that although the distributed application summary states the pier addition proposal calls for the removal of two buoys and two moorings, it actually is for the removal of two buoys and four personal watercraft lifts and the addition of four slips on the current 150-foot pier to be extended by 30 feet out to 180 feet where the existing "T" configuration will be reinstalled. Frederick also submitted a certified survey of the DMA. Pappas said there will be an issue with the setback as it is 8.5-feet but the Village of Fontana Zoning Code requires a setback of 12.5 feet. He stated staff could contact the village attorney to see if relief could be given, otherwise moving the pier over by 4-feet would be the other option. Pappas stated if the pier owner on the other side also wanted to go 8-feet then they would trap boats. Frederick had concern with moving the pier because they would have to add three new cribs and it would cause other pier layout changes; however, he will present the proposal to the association. Frederick said the adjacent pier to the south is not in a DMA and is privately owned, there are already the maximum of two slips on the pier, and it cannot be extended beyond 100-feet, which is the current maximum pierhead line for private piers. Ed Snyder asked Frederick to provide the association with the cost estimate for moving the pier over. Pappas suggested that the applicants be required to contact the neighboring pier owners to get approval for altering and extending the pier. Frederick stated he is already required by the DNR process to notify the adjacent neighbors through certified mail. If the neighbors have concerns, they must respond to the notification within 30 days and can request a public hearing. He said if

the village enacts the same requirement, then he would be doing the same work twice by notifying the neighbors for village approval as well as DNR approval. Martin said each request to extend a pier is reviewed by the Lakefront and Harbor Committee and reviewed on its own merit. Pappas said the committee could accept the survey, allow the 180-foot and subject approval to moving to the 12.5-foot required setback. If the committee agrees to the 4-foot relief, it could be recommended to the Village Board for approval. Snyder said the Fontana Shores board would not meet until March and will not be brought to the Lakefront Committee until next month's meeting. The application was tabled until the March meeting.

Austin Pier Proposal for 2016

Two proposals from Austin Pier Service, Inc. were presented for repair work to the Village piers and moorings. The first invoice is to repair the municipal beach swim pier in the amount of \$6,478. The second invoice is for the annual pier and slip repairs in the amount of \$11,915.21. Snyder/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the proposals submitted by Austin Pier Service, Inc., in the amount of \$18,393.21 for repair of the Village Swim Pier and the annual repair work to the Municipal Pier and moorings, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was scheduled for Wednesday, March 30, 2016 beginning at 4:00 pm.

Adjournment

Chanson/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:24 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Theresa Loomer, 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: 3/30/16