

**VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE**  
Walworth County, WI

**Lakefront and Harbor Committee**  
Wednesday, March 24, 2010  
**(Official Minutes)**

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:30 pm on March 24, 2010 by Chairperson Micki O'Connell.

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

**Absent:** Joel Bikowski

**Also Present:** Village Clerk Dennis Martin, Joseph McHugh, Tom Whowell

**Visitors Heard**

None

**General Business**

**Approval of Minutes – February 24, 2010**

Pappas/Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the February 24, 2010 minutes as submitted, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Country Club Estates Association Contract Renewal Recommendation**

O'Connell stated that she received a request from Country Club Estates Association President F.J. Frazier to wait until next month's meeting to make a recommendation on the contract renewal since Frazier was not able to attend the meeting that night. Pappas stated that the Village should consider a shorter term for a renewed contract. The initial Lease Agreement was approved on January 1, 1989 for a 10-year term, with an additional 10-year term automatically renewed on December 31, 1999.

Snyder/Chanson 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to table the item until the next monthly meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Boat Launch Extended Season Information – Update**

O'Connell stated that a tally sheet for the Village launch ramp for 2009 was distributed. Martin stated that he confirmed with the Village of Williams Bay that its launch took in about \$6,000 in revenue from October 15 to 31, 2009. Martin stated that the City of Lake Geneva did not provide total revenue figures; however, he was informed that the city keeps its launch open depending on weather from October 15 until the end of the season. Martin also reported that the honor box at the Village of Fontana launch collected \$375.05 after October 15, 2009. The committee members had questions about the tally sheet for the Village launch ramp for 2009 that they directed Martin to get clarified prior to the next meeting.

Snyder/Pappas 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to table the item until the next monthly meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Proposal to Eliminate Seasonal Portable Toilets in Pioneer Park**

O'Connell stated that the Finance Committee discussed the possibility of eliminating \$1,200 from the annual budget for the rental of portable toilets for Pioneer Park during the boat launch season. The Finance Committee members stated during the 2010 budget preparation that boaters could use the restrooms in Reid Park, which are located between the boat trailer parking lot and the launch. Tom Whowell stated that when boaters come off the lake at the Village launch they

would not go into Reid Park to use the bathrooms, they would go into Gordy's or Chuck's if the toilets were not available in Pioneer Park. Pappas stated that the Wisconsin DNR also requires a bathroom to be available at the launch site in order to authorize the Village of Fontana to set launch rates at the most expensive level. If the bathrooms are not available at the site, Pappas stated that the Village would have to lower its launch fee schedule. Whowell stated that the Village should consider constructing a permanent toilet in Pioneer Park and he offered the Village the opportunity to tie into the existing sewer and water lines from the back of the Gordy's Pro Shop, which abuts the park. Following further discussion, the committee members reached the consensus that the portable toilets should be put in Pioneer Park the same as previous years in order to allow the Village to maintain the current boat launch fee schedule.

### **Report on Department of Commerce Fueling Regulations**

Martin stated that Village of Fontana Building Inspector Ron Nyman confirmed that Leroy Nordmeyer inspects and enforces the commercial regulations regarding watercraft fueling; however, it has not been determined which agency would be responsible for the enforcement of fueling and gas container regulations for private pier owners. Snyder stated that the other state official who handles state inspections and issues violations is Frank Bennett. Martin stated that Nyman indicated the Village of Fontana Building and Zoning Department is responsible for matters related to the Zoning Code. O'Connell stated that Village President Pete Petersen has not yet talked to Jamie Whowell or Jerry Oglesby about the concern brought up at last month's committee meeting. Petersen stated at the meeting that he would discuss with Jamie Whowell and Oglesby the concerns regarding 40-gallon gas containers that were being carried off and on the Jerry's Marine pier last season from the back of a pickup truck. After the Jerry's Marine watercrafts were filled with gas, the containers were kept at the end of the pier, where people were walking. And there also were people observed smoking cigars right next to the portable gas containers. Jamie Whowell and Oglesby are scheduled to back in the area in April.

Pappas/Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to table the matter until the next monthly meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **Report on DNR/Walworth County Seminar – Rick Pappas**

Pappas stated that he attended the seminar and discussed with Wisconsin DNR Water Management Specialist Pam Schense the pending amendments to NR 115, the chapter of the DNR's regulations that govern the state's Shoreland Protection Program. Pappas stated that Schense advised him that private pier owners who never received a DNR Pier Permit should register their piers with the DNR prior to next year in order to have the piers grandfathered in and protected from the more stringent new regulations. Joseph McHugh stated that the DNR's website features a formula that private pier owners can check to determine if their pier is in compliance with the current regulations. Tom Whowell stated that the Gordy's Designated Mooring Area was approved by the DNR in 1991, and he asked if it would also be grandfathered in. Following discussion, Martin was directed to contact Schense to determine if a Pier Permit approval also would be necessary from the DNR if a DMA has already been approved.

### **Lakefront Trees Discussion**

Chanson stated that he requested the agenda item to discuss the preliminary Lakefront Building Proposal being planned by the CDA. Chanson stated that the preliminary plans for the reconstruction of Lake Street and beach parking lot call for all the evergreen trees in Reid Park to be cut down. Chanson stated that all of the evergreens should not be removed for the sake of providing a view of the lake for motorists driving on Fontana Boulevard. Snyder stated that the evergreens provide color on the lakefront in the winter and shade in the summer. Chanson stated that if people want to view the lake, they can drive down Lake Street or walk in the lakefront park. Pappas stated that the conceptual plans only call for the removal of the four Austrian Pines

on the east side of Lake Street and the “Fontana Weeps” trees, not the evergreens at the curve in Fontana Boulevard. Pappas stated that the four Austrian Pines should be removed. The final landscaping plan will have to be approved by the Park Commission if the required Lakefront Building Proposal referendum is approved.

Snyder/Chanson 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend that that the three evergreen trees located in Reid Park and the evergreens located along the shore path should not be removed. The MOTION carried on a 5-1 vote, with Pappas opposed and Bikowski absent.

**Set Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date is Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at 4:30 pm.

**Adjournment**

Chanson/Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 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: 4/28/10