

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee
Wednesday, March 26, 2014
(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:30 pm on March 26, 2014 by Chairman Rick Pappas.

Committee Members Present: Trustee Rick Pappas, Lee Eakright, Ed Snyder, Don Holst, Steve Beers (arrived at 4:35 pm)

Committee Members Absent: Bob Chanson, Joel Bikowski

Also Present: Village Clerk/Administrator Dennis Martin

Visitors Heard

None

General Business

Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held January 29, 2014

Snyder/Eakright 2nd made a MOTION to approve the January 29, 2014 minutes as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Approve 2014 Mooring Lease Applications

The list of ramp, pier slip and buoy applications that have been filed to date was reviewed. There are at least three buoys that are still open, with renewal applications still pending from several buoy holders from last year. There were three buoys that did not get leased last year.

Snyder/Holst 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the 2014 mooring lease applications as listed, subject to the required lease items being filed and fees paid. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Review Management of Winter Activities on Municipal Beach

Martin stated that the item was requested after the village received safety concerns regarding a lot of vehicles, trailers and pedestrians that were congested on the beach the previous weekend. Pappas stated that the beach gets congested on occasion at this time of the year when ice fishing shacks are required to be off the lake by March 1st. There also has been a lot of ice boating activity on the lakefront in the late winter because of favorable conditions. Following discussion, the committee members determined it was just a busy day with ice fishing and ice boating activities, and some children were not being monitored; so no policy changes are required at this time. The ice boat club members usually are able to work together to keep order; however, if there are concerns on a particular day, the Fontana Police Department can be called for assistance. The committee also discussed the open water under the Abbey Harbor bridge, which is an area that has not fully froze over the last few winters. The area is technically the lake, so the village cannot erect barriers or block it off to prevent snowmobile riders from attempting to cross the open water. Staff posted warnings and contacted the local snowmobile club websites, which also posted warnings this past winter after some snowmobiles were driven into the open water.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 4:30 pm.

Adjournment

Trustee Pappas/Beers 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:44 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Dennis Martin, Village Clerk/Administrator

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: 4/30/2014