

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:30 pm on March 30, 2011 by Chairperson Micki O'Connell.

Roll Call: Trustee Micki O'Connell, Rick Pappas, Bob Chanson, Ed Snyder, Steve Beers (arrived at 4:36 pm)

Committee Member Absent: Joel Bikowski, Lee Eakright

Also Present: Darrell Fredrick, Village Clerk Dennis Martin, Eddie Snyder, Phil Vankuiken

Visitors Heard

Phil Vankuiken stated that he rents one of the Village's slips and he objects to the 31 percent increase in the annual lease rate for slips. Vankuiken stated that he would appreciate if the committee would reconsider the dramatic increase. Eddie Snyder asked when the Village will be painting its piers this spring. O'Connell stated that she did not know exactly when, but that the village would be receiving assistance with the painting this season from people who have to complete community service hours. Eddie Snyder also stated that he will provide the village with a sample of the paint from the Abbey Harbor bridge to determine if the paint it is lead based before a repainting project is commenced. O'Connell stated that funds for the bridge painting project are in this year's budget. Bob Chanson stated that the village staff should be reminded that when the piers are scrapped prior to painting this year, that the paint should be swept up and disposed of and not just swept into the lake. Rick Pappas stated that he wanted to note for the minutes that the Glenwood Springs Association shore stations were all stored this past winter on association property. Ed Snyder stated that the Fontana Shores Association is installing new stairs leading to the shore path and the project was scheduled to commence later in the week.

General Business

Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held February 23, 2011

Snyder/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to approve the February 23, 2011 minutes as distributed, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Review 2011 Commercial Launch Rate Recommendation

O'Connell stated that the committee's recommendation to eliminate the reduced rate for commercial boat launches and to have all launch rates set on the same scale for both commercial and private failed to receive approval from the Village Board at its February 7, 2011 meeting. The motion to approve the recommendation failed to earn approval on a 3-3 vote. Ed Snyder stated that he talked to Carl Bergersen, Jerry Oglesby and Tom Howell and they all indicated that they get a much better deal at the Abbey Harbor, so they will be launching there instead of at the village launch. Chanson stated that the committee's recommendation was meant to bring the commercial launch rate and resident launch rates closer together, especially since residents who lease boat slips received a 31 percent rate increase this year. Chanson stated that it is not right to single out one classification of village fees. Pappas stated that he agrees with Chanson and he would just like to see the commercial rate and the resident launch rate set at a more equal level. Pappas stated that he also wanted to make sure that if the village decides to dramatically increase any of its fees in the future, that the residents and property owners are notified. Chanson stated that the village should research with the DNR to determine if the resident launch rates can be decreased without impacting the non-resident rates; and if the village could provide to residents and property owners one free "in and out" at the launch per season. Darrell Fredrick stated that he

would like the Village to consider a flat fee similar to Williams Bay for when pier companies are installing and taking out the piers and moorings each season. Fredrick stated that he currently is charged each time he has to launch the barge at the beginning and end of the season. Following further discussion, the committee decided to not make any further recommendations for the 2011 season, but to schedule a special meeting to discuss the 2012 fees for the launch, mooring leases and beach admission and season pass rates.

Snyder/Pappas 2nd made a MOTION to table the commercial launch rate recommendation until August 2011, when an open forum at a date and time to be determined will be scheduled to discuss the 2012 village launch, mooring lease and beach fees; and to direct staff to research the Wisconsin DNR launch rate regulations, if one free in and out can be provided to village residents and property owners, and if a flat commercial rate for pier companies for installation and removal projects can be established. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

DMA Codification Project Recommendations

O'Connell stated that she reviewed the DMA review final totals that were distributed and they are accurate and ready to be codified. The Clear Sky Lodge DMA was included on the review sheet, but does not need to be included in the Village ordinance because it is already codified in the Clear Sky Lodge Planned Development zoning ordinance. Pappas stated that with regard to the Willow Bend Marine DMA, the ramp/barge/office notation should be removed because the DNR has ruled that it is an approved pier. Pappas stated that when the village attorney puts the totals into ordinance form, he should be sure to include the legal descriptions of the individual DMAs, the mooring exchange criteria used by the committee for the codification project, and a statement that any changes to the current DMAs have to be approved by the Village Board on recommendation of the committee. Pappas stated that after the ordinance is drafted it should be presented to the committee for a final recommendation, and after it is adopted by the Village Board, a copy should be sent to all the affected property owners.

Pappas/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to direct the Village attorney to draft an updated DMA ordinance with the individual DMA totals as presented at the meeting, and to incorporate into the ordinance the legal descriptions of the individual DMAs, the mooring exchange criteria used by the Lakefront and Harbor Committee, and a statement that any changes to the DMAs have to be approved by the Village Board on recommendation of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee; and to have the ordinance draft presented to the Lakefront and Harbor Committee for a final recommendation. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Notice of DNR Pier Permit Application Filed by Robert Gee, 1014 S. Lakeshore Drive

The DNR provided the Village with a copy of a pier permit application it received from Pier Docktors, Inc. for the Robert Gee property located at 1014 S. Lakeshore Drive. The DNR permit was applied for by Pier Docktors, but a Village permit has not been applied for yet.

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

Set Next Meeting Date

The next monthly meeting date is Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 4:30 pm.

Adjournment

Chanson/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:52 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: 05/05/2011