

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE

Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm on April 26, 2017 by Chairman Rick Pappas.

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

Committee Members Absent: Don Holst, Lee Eakright

Also Present: Dennis Martin, Karen Yancey

Visitors Heard

None

General Business

Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held March 22, 2017

Snyder/Beers 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes from March 22, 2017, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Pier Permit Application Filed by Susan L. Origer Trust for the Property at 620 S. Lakeshore Drive

There were questions regarding the proximity of the neighboring pier and a note that the DNR had requested more information. Austin Pier Service is the contractor working on the permitting and will be installing the pier; however, Darrell Frederick was unable to make it to the meeting. Snyder/Beers 2nd made a MOTION to direct the applicant to submit a riparian survey of the property that shows the existing and proposed pier improvements relative to the riparian lines, and to clarify the existing number of slips and if four new slips will be added to the existing total. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Consider Action to Require Applicant Indian Hills Association to Provide a Current, Signed and Certified Riparian Survey in Support of Their Pier Expansion Permit, Per Section 54-86(b)(7) to the Village of Fontana Municipal Code

There were questions on what documents taken from the DNR Permit application were included in the Village of Fontana permit application submittals, and concerns about a discrepancy in two surveys submitted by the association to the DNR for a current mooring buoy location and whether or not it is over the riparian line with the Glenwood Springs Association mooring area to the west. Karen Yancey, executive director of the Geneva Lake Conservancy, stated that she has questions about the total number of moorings being proposed, and how many buoys are being proposed to be exchanged for pier slip spaces. Pappas stated that the proposal and consideration of the application was not being discussed, and only the question on the necessity for an updated survey was being considered at the current meeting. Martin stated that staff will keep Yancey posted on the Indian Hills Association pier proposal and when an application is scheduled for presentation to the committee for consideration.

Snyder/Beers 2nd made a MOTION to direct staff to contact the Indian Hills Association president and request that the association submit an updated riparian survey of the property that shows the existing and proposed pier improvements relative to the riparian lines, and to include on the survey the existing structures located within 15 feet to the east and west of the association's riparian lines. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Chapter 54 Amendment Proposal

A draft of amendments to the current Chapter 54 pier permit approval process regulations suggested by staff was distributed. Martin stated that there are some areas that were inadvertently made more cumbersome and confusing when an amendment was recently made to the permit application process that a survey is not required unless requested by the committee. Pappas stated that the entire Chapter 54 should be reviewed and rewritten if necessary, and also a provision should be added to allow for the village to require cost recovery for applicants when the village attorney has to be consulted. Following discussion on whether staff should be directed to look into amending the entire section based on the most recent DNR model ordinance, or if the Village attorney should be contracted to review the DNR model ordinance and complete the draft, the committee directed staff to solicit a cost and time estimate from the Village attorney to complete the task. The committee also directed staff to email them the draft of the amendment document drafted by Zoning Administrator Bridget McCarthy so it can be reviewed prior to the next monthly meeting.

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

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, 2017 beginning at 4:00 pm

Adjournment

Snyder/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Dennis Martin, Village 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: 05/24/17