

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee

Thursday, May 13, 2010

(Official Minutes)

The special meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 5:30 pm on May 13, 2010 by Chairperson Micki O'Connell.

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

Also Present: Betsey Arvai, Bill Gage, Administrator/Treasurer Kelly Hayden, Abbey Resort General Manager David Lindelow, Village Clerk Dennis Martin, Village President Arvid Petersen, Steele Whowell

General Business

Aquapalooza Proposal for Fontana Beach Saturday, July 17, 2010

O'Connell stated that the special meeting was called in order to provide feedback on a proposed "Aquapalooza" event to be staged on Geneva Lake Saturday, July 17, 2010 by SkipperBud's, in conjunction with the Abbey Resort. O'Connell stated that the event planning and scheduling will need to commence prior to the next monthly meeting of the committee. Chanson stated that again the Village officials' time and expenses are being taken advantage of with the calling of a special meeting. Chanson stated that it is assumed that the Village officials will jump through hoops every time a proposal is brought in so late that a special meeting has to be called. Hayden stated that David Lindelow mentioned the possibility of the proposed event a few months ago, but she did not receive further information until the email that was distributed for the meeting was submitted on Monday, May 10, 2010. Betsey Arvai, of SkipperBud's, stated that they would like to anchor a barge in front of the Fontana beach area and have boats tie up to the barge for a customer appreciation event featuring a performance by a live band. Hayden stated that she reviewed the Municipal Code and there is nothing in the lakefront ordinances that would be applicable to the proposal, since it would be staged past the Fontana beach boundary. Pappas stated that on a Saturday afternoon in July the area of the lake that the event is being proposed is one of the roughest, most congested areas on the lake. Beers stated that the event would be better suited for the other end of the lake in Button's Bay. Snyder stated that the water drops off to depths of 60 feet and greater in Fontana Bay and it would be rather difficult to anchor the barge and tie-up hundreds boats. Pappas stated that the event is being proposed for outside the Village's delineated no wake boundary, so the event organizers do not need authorization from the Village. Pappas stated that the Village does not allow boats inside the beach area and would not authorize a barge to be anchored there either. In response to a question, Arvai stated that the event is held entirely on the water. The barge would be towed out to a location and anchored and used as a stage for a band. At past similar events, Arvai stated that the people who attend remain at the event site. Snyder stated that the Button's Bay area adjacent to the Big Foot Beach State Park has much more shallow water and it would be easier to tie-up boats and anchor the barge. Beers stated that the Fontana Bay end of the lake has pretty brutal conditions on weekend days during the summer season and it is very congested. Bikowski stated that the Fontana end of the lake is the busiest area on the lake. The committee members suggested that Arvai contact the Geneva Lake Law Enforcement Agency about staging the event on the lake.

Pappas/Eakright 2nd made a MOTION to not make any special provisions in Fontana Bay for the proposed Aquapalooza event, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Adjournment

Snyder/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 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: 5/26/2010