

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE

Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:30 pm on May 25, 2016 by Chairman Rick Pappas.

Committee Members Present: Trustee Rick Pappas, Joel Bikowski, Bob Chanson, Lee Eakright, Don Holst, Ed Snyder

Committee Member Absent: Steve Beers

Also Present: Clerk Theresa Loomer, Administrator Dennis Martin, Jeff Reed, Trustee Tom Whowell

Visitors Heard

None

General Business

Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held April 27, 2016

Snyder/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes from April 27, 2016 as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Pier Permit Application Filed by Belvidere Park

Jeff Reed from Reed's Marine filed a pier permit application on behalf of the Belvidere Park Association. The proposed pier would be extended from 115-feet to 175-feet. Reed stated the application was originally filed with the DNR but has since been pulled because it has not been approved by the Association Board yet. According to Reed, the DNR stated that if the pier is extended by 60-feet and eight boat slips are added, the association would have to remove all 13 buoys, some of which are unoccupied. Reed stated that before he proceeds with the DNR, he is looking for a general feeling from the committee members about whether they are in favor of the application. Since the established pier-headline is 100-feet, the Village Board would need to approve extending the length of the pier to 175-feet. There was discussion about whether associations, which are non-commercial, should be allowed to extend their pier more than 100-feet out into the lake because it will likely alter the views of the neighbors on either side. There was concern about the neighboring property at 475 N. Lakeshore Drive because their pier was constructed using the knitter method, and if extended, it has the potential to make contact with the pier proposed by the Belvidere Park Association. Reed stated that the property owner at 475 N. Lakeshore drive, Frank Stellato, has submitted an application with the DNR to move his pier over and straighten it out. There was additional conversation about whether it is more beneficial to remove the buoys and extend the pier, or leave the pier and buoys as they are currently. The Village does not contact the neighbors of applicants because the DNR sends a certified letter and allows for neighbors to request a hearing if desired. In this situation, committee members agreed the neighbors' concerns must be taken into account. Pappas stated that soliciting neighbors' opinions could put them in an uncomfortable position especially if they are against the proposed application. He recommended establishing a policy for all pier applications so all applicants are held to the same standard and the committee does not have to worry about setting a precedent with each approval.

Snyder/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to table the Pier Permit Application filed by the Belvidere Park Association, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Parking Shuttle for Fourth of July

Pappas stated that the Village Board members have heard concerns from business owners and residents regarding the parking issues that occur over the 4th of July. He suggested utilizing a shuttle service, or some form of transportation, as a courtesy to transport the residents and visitors of Fontana from the Duck Pond parking area to the lakefront. Several ideas were discussed including hiring a local bus company or shuttle service, using golf carts, or Pierce's Farm Stand hay wagons. Different times, routes, and parking lots were discussed and recommended for discussion at the village board level.

Chanson/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of a Parking Shuttle service for the Fourth of July, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was scheduled for Wednesday, June 22, 2016 beginning at 4:30 pm.

Adjournment

Eakright/Bikowski 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Theresa Loomer, 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: 07/27/16