

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee
Wednesday, July 27, 2011
(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:30 pm on July 27, 2011 by Chairman Thomas McGreevy.

Roll Call: Trustee McGreevy, Rick Pappas, Ed Snyder, Bob Chanson, Steve Beers (arrived at 4:40 pm)

Committee Members Absent: Lee Eakright, Joel Bikowski

Also Present: Administrator/Treasurer Kelly Hayden, Larry Larkin, Village Clerk Dennis Martin, Jerry Oglesby, Police Chief Steve Olson, Eddie Snyder, Carol Whowell

Visitors Heard

None

General Business

Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held June 29, 2011

Pappas/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to approve the June 29, 2011 minutes as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Staging Area for ACBS International Boat Show September 24, 2011 – Larry Larkin

Larry Larkin, a member of the Blackhawk Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society, presented more planning details on the international event to be staged out of the Abbey Resort and Abbey Harbor September 22, 2011 through September 25, 2011. Larkin stated that participants will begin arriving in Fontana with their boats on Tuesday, September 20, 2011. Larkin stated that there are pre-event activities planned for the participants with a lake cruise and tour scheduled for Wednesday afternoon and a reception scheduled for Wednesday evening. On Thursday, September 22, 2011 the opening day of the event will feature the annual meeting of the ACBS and tours of the Geneva Lake area. Larkin stated that the public boat show will be open all day Friday, September 23, 2011, and the events will include guest speakers including local sailing legend Buddy Melges. Saturday events will include an antique boat parade and an awards and recognition banquet. Larkin stated that the show will continue on a lesser extent on Sunday, September 25, 2011; however, people will be leaving throughout the day. Larkin stated that there will be an auction in the event tent at the Abbey on Sunday afternoon. Larkin stated that the planners are anticipating 130 boats to participate in the show, and there are currently 70 boats registered. Larkin stated that 130 will be the maximum number of boats in the water, and there will be another 20 boats displayed onshore. Larkin presented the boat staging plan, with Reid Street and High Street between Fontana Boulevard and Third Avenue to be designated one-way on Thursday through Sunday. High Street will be one-way to the north, and Reid Street will be one-way to the south during the day, until Sunday when the pattern will be reversed. After boats are launched in the Abbey Harbor, the trailers will be driven out to Gordy's Cobalt Farms for storage during the event. In order to keep the public informed and the traffic managed, signage will be erected and volunteer workers will be stationed throughout the staging area. Chief Olson stated that the Village also has traffic and parking signage that can be used during the event, and as long as there is adequate signage and event workers to direct motorists during the event, that traffic plan should work fine. Larkin stated that the Abbey Resort employee parking lot will be used for visitor parking, and cars will be parked on the Reid Park ball field, in a fenced-in area. Ed Snyder stated that arrangements have been made with the Big Foot Lions Club to use its

fencing for the parking area on the ball field. Larkin stated that there will be a fee for visitor parking. Larkin stated that there also will be a small tent designated for visitor information that will be erected at the entrance to the Abbey Resort. Larkin stated that the planners would like authorization to use the Village boat trailer parking lot for participants to park in overnight if they arrive late on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Larkin stated that the trailers will be moved early the next morning out to Cobalt Farms. Larkin asked the village to consider waiving the parking fee for participants who arrive late in the day and park overnight in the trailer parking lot. In response to a question, Larkin stated that the number of participants who arrive after dark should be about 10 to 12 at the most. Larkin stated that the judging for the event will be held on Friday, so all the participant boats should be launched by then. Larkin stated that permits are being applied for with the Village Building and Zoning Department for the temporary tents to be erected on the Abbey grounds and for temporary event and directional signage. Larkin stated that the planners would also like to use the municipal pier adjacent to the beach for lake tour departures between 5:00 and 10:00 pm on Wednesday. The Village Board voted to approve the event at its November 1, 2010 meeting with the condition the diagram for the boat launch staging be submitted for review by the Lakefront and Harbor Committee and the Protection Committee. As well as the staging area plan, the committee recommended approval of the use of the municipal pier on Wednesday evening with the condition that the area is properly marked, and recommended approval of the waiver of the parking fee for the boat trailer parking lot for show participants with the condition that some type pass is created for display on the participant's vehicles while they are parked in the Village lot until early the next morning.

Pappas/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the staging area plan for the ACBS International Boat Show at the Abbey Resort and Abbey Harbor for Tuesday, September 20, 2011 through Sunday, September 25, 2011 as presented; and approval of the use of the municipal pier for boat cruise departures on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 from 5:00 to 10:00 pm, and the use of the Village boat trailer parking lot for late arrivals, with the fee waived for show participants, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, September 20 to 22, 2011. The MOTION carried without negative vote. Snyder abstained.

Ordinance Amendment Creating Section 54-87(f), Recording Existing Mooring Inventory

The ordinance amendment that was reviewed and recommended for approval last month was further amended to add language on the mooring inventory exchange request criteria. Pappas stated that he wanted to make sure that the ordinance requires property owners to apply for and receive approval for changes to the existing moorings. Following discussion, the committee members were in consensus that the proposed language requires property owners to apply for and receive approval to change the existing mooring inventory in their mooring areas.

Pappas/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Ordinance amendment creating Section 54-87(f) as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Chapter 54 Regulations – DNR Approval Concerns Outlined in 2008 Memorandum from Village Attorney

In a 2008 memorandum from the Village attorney's office, Attorney Elizabeth Olson states that she does not think that the village received the required approval from the DNR for the Village to be in compliance with the regulations located in Section 54-125 of the Municipal Code. The Village adopted an Ordinance on May 1, 2006 to amend Section 54; however, the regulations did not get DNR approval before being enacted. Olson recommends in the memorandum that the Village submit the ordinance to the DNR to get the required approval.

Snyder/Pappas 2nd made a MOTION to direct Village staff to submit Chapter 54-125 of the Municipal Code to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the required approval, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Concern Regarding Space Between Boats on Buoys and Willow Bend Marine Pier

Chanson stated that the agenda item was not accurate and his concern is not with the pontoon boats that are parked off the Jerry's Marine pier. Chanson stated that his concern is that a clear path remains open from the gas pump at Gordy's to the south past the piers in front of Chuck's. Chanson stated that when there is an easterly wind, the boats located on two of the Gordy's buoys are blown in toward shore and there is no clearance room left between the lakefront piers and the boats on the two buoys. The committee directed staff to contact Gordy's and request that the buoy located in the southwest, shallowest corner of the Gordy's mooring area be moved out into the bay further, and that the buoy located by the channel markers at the village launch ramp area be moved back or the channel markers be moved to the south to ensure a clear path remains open from the launch area and the gas pump at Gordy's to the south past the piers in front of Chuck's.

Portable Gas Tank Concern at Lakefront Business

Trustee McGreevy requested an agenda item on the portable 30-gallon gas tanks that are located by the Jerry's Marine piers when he recently received some comments regarding safety concerns. Martin presented the minutes from the Lakefront and Harbor Committee meetings held in February through July 2010 at which fueling regulations and the portable gas containers were discussed. The end result was the adoption of an ordinance that prohibits portable gas containers on public piers and public property; however, the Village Board voted to deny the committee's recommendation to have the Village attorney draft proposed regulations for gas containers on private and commercial piers. Regarding the portable gas containers at the Jerry's Marine piers, the situation was resolved when Oglesby agreed to post "No Smoking" signage in the area and that a fire extinguisher would be installed at the pier site. Oglesby stated that the "No Smoking" signage has been posted and there is a fire extinguisher at the pier site.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next monthly meeting date is Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at 4:30 pm. The committee directed staff to send letters to the Village mooring lease holders to inform them that the 2012 mooring lease rates will be on the agenda for the discussion at the August 24, 2011 meeting. The meeting will be held in the main meeting room at the Village Hall in case there is a large turnout. Trustee McGreevy asked if Darrell Frederick of Austin Pier Service can provide a cost breakdown for installing and removing the shore stations on the pier slips.

Adjournment

Chanson/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 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: 8/24/11