

**VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE**

Walworth County, WI

**Lakefront and Harbor Committee**

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm on February 21, 2018 by Chairman Rick Pappas.

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

**Committee Members Absent:** Steve Beers, Ed Snyder

**Also Present:** Administrator/Clerk Theresa Loomer, Tom Schirtzinger, Tracie Schirtzinger, Kevin Spada

**Visitors Heard**

None

**General Business**

**Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held October 25, 2017**

Chanson/Eakright 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the minutes from October 25, 2017, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Consider Placing Fire Extinguisher at End of Pier During Season**

During last year's boating season there was a boat fire at the end of the launch ramp and as a result, a committee member recommended keeping a fire extinguisher available at the end of the pier for such situations that might arise. The committee discussed whether to keep the fire extinguisher at the end of the pier, in the launch hut, or outside the launch hut in a locked box. Ramp Manager Greg Blizard stated that the fire was a one-time incident that happened once in the eight years he has worked at the ramp, and also stated that as a fire fighter, there is a huge liability in expecting a high school or college student to take the risk of extinguishing a boat fire. Blizard did not think it was necessary to have a fire extinguisher on site. Bikowski stated he works for Gordy's and they put fire extinguishers on the piers each morning and return them each night; it was mentioned that there is a difference between the two locations because Gordy's provides fuel to the end of their piers whereas the Village does not. Later in the meeting Assistant Fire Chief Scott Petersen encouraged use of the fire extinguishers and stated the fire department could help train staff on using them appropriately. Holst/Eakright 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to refer the consideration of placing fire extinguishers on launch ramp and any piers as deemed necessary to the protection committee, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Invite Ramp Master to Attend Summer Meetings**

Pappas invited Ramp Manager Greg Blizard to attend the Lakefront & Harbor meetings during the summer months.

**Consideration of Slip Lease Non-Renewal for Mr. Spada**

Kevin Spada did not make the first two required payments in order to rent his slip space from the Village for the 2018 season; \$500 was due on October 15<sup>th</sup> and \$1,000 was due on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Spada received information from a friend about losing his slip space which prompted him to call the Village and he was informed by staff that he had lost his slip because he had not made the required payments even after two notification letters were sent. Spada stated that he travels a lot for work and never received the letters. The committee discussed offering some leeway because the policy is new and also because there are two available slip spaces for this season, but they made it clear that if there

had not been any available slip spaces that Spada would not have been able to rent a space this season.

Holst/Eakright 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to allow Spada to rent a slip space for the 2018 season due to extenuating circumstances and because there are slips available, and direct staff to work out the logistics of whether Spada can stay in his previously assigned space or assigned to another space, and require him to immediately pay in full, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **Lakefront Manager Position**

There is no need for a Lakefront Manager this year since there will be a Launch Manager and Beach Manager.

Chanson/Eakright 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to eliminate the Lakefront Manager position for the 2018 season, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **Request to Allow Two Kayaks per Village Ramp Space**

Tom and Tracie Schirtzinger requested to store two kayaks on a ramp space as they did last year; however, Village policy states that only one mooring shall be allowed per ramp space. The Schirtzingers provided a picture of the kayaks and stated they fit neatly together with no risk of falling or tipping over. Discussion ensued on whether allowing the Schirtzingers to store more than one mooring on the ramp would set a precedent, how many moorings could be allowed per ramp space and what types of moorings could be stored on ramp spaces in multiple numbers. Pappas stated he contacted DNR Representative Elaine Johnson on whether there is any restriction imposed by the DNR on allowing multiple moorings on a single ramp space. The committee voted to permit the Schirtzingers to store two kayaks on one ramp for the 2018 season only.

Holst/Eakright 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to allow the Schirtzingers to store two kayaks on one ramp space for the 2018 season only, so long as they fit together and do not exceed the ramp space, unless restricted by the DNR. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **2018 Launch Staffing and Parking Lot Issues – Greg Blizzard**

Last year on weekends and holidays traffic was very congested near the Village launch. Parking in the boat trailer parking lot became an issue because there was not enough launch staff to keep track of how many parking spots were available causing traffic to back up on Third Avenue. In addition, it was reported the Abbey will launch boats and instruct the driver to park the vehicle and trailer in the Village's lot for the hourly \$5 rate. Several suggestions were made to alleviate confusion and congestion including placing a cone in a parking space once a launch ticket is issued, encouraging police to better patrol the launch parking lot and increase staffing so at least one employee can monitor the parking lot.

### **Publish Slip Waiting List**

Pappas requested that staff publish the boat slip waiting list on the Village website.

### **Update on Mooring Leases and Payments**

There are two slips available after the committee issued one to Kevin Spada earlier in the meeting. There is one person that paid the initial \$500 by October 15<sup>th</sup> but has not made the January 15<sup>th</sup> deposit. The committee directed staff to send one more follow-up letter and require payment within one-week.

### **Set Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date was scheduled for March 21, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

### **Adjournment**

Chanson/Pappas 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:57 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: 04/25/18