

**VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE**  
Walworth County, WI

**Lakefront and Harbor Committee**

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

**(Preliminary Minutes)**

The virtual monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm on July 22, 2020 by Chairman Pappas.

**Committee Members Present:** Steve Beers (4:04), Joel Bikowski, Bob Chanson, Don Holst, Trustee Rick Pappas, Ed Snyder

**Committee Members Absent:** Lee Eakright

**Also Present:** Kevin Day, Tom Joyce, Patrick Kenny, Theresa Loomer, Dave Prudden, Ed Snyder Jr., Terry Tavera

**Visitors Heard**

None

**General Business**

**Approval of Minutes for June 24, 2020**

Snyder/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2020 meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Abbey Harbor Channel Dredging and Study Request**

After direction at last month's meeting, Village Engineer Terry Tavera submitted a proposal for the Abbey Harbor Channel dredging and study request for \$19,000. There was discussion about whether another study was necessary after the studies already conducted in 2006 and 2009, which reportedly led to the creation of the Village's stormwater management plan and diversion of water near Big Foot Country Club. Chanson stated the studies proposed will only identify the problems and not the solutions, and finding a solution is the end goal. He recommended the item be bumped up to the Village Board for a vote without a recommendation from the Lakefront & Harbor Committee. In response to a question, Ed Snyder Jr., Harbormaster for the Abbey Harbor stated the Village should pay for the study as the sediment is not being caused by the Abbey Harbor, they are only the recipient. He stated there have been 13 plumes since March 10 of this year, and several others over the past couple of years. Pappas asked what has changed recently to cause the disturbance as the storm sewer work referred to earlier in the conversation was completed back in 2012. After further discussion, Pappas stated he did not think the Village should be responsible to fund the study as the purpose is to identify the source of the runoff including who is responsible for the silt and who should pay to make the corrections.

Chanson/Bikowski 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to defer the decision regarding a study to identify the source of the sediment in the Abbey Harbor and any cost appropriations based on the results of the study to the Village Board, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Car Parking on South Side of Boat Trailer Parking Lot**

Pappas stated that cars with trailers are continuing to park on the south side of the boat trailer parking lot in the fire lane. That area has typically been used as overflow parking when more boats are launched than parking spaces are available. Pappas stated boats are parked there more than occasionally and recommended the spaces be converted to additional metered car parking stalls. Police Chief Cates stated that at the Protection Committee meeting earlier in the week, the committee recommended designating the North side of Kinzie Avenue as No Parking because when both sides of the street are lined with parked cars there is not enough room for traffic to pass in both directions. Eliminating the fire lane on the

north side of the Boat Trailer Parking Lot would leave no overflow spaces in the area. Launch Manager Tom Joyce asked if launch staff would still be able to use Duck Pond for overflow parking if more boats are launched than spaces available, which was confirmed by Pappas and Cates.

Trustee Pappas/Chanson 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval to designate the fire lane on the north side of the Boat Trailer Parking lot as metered car parking stalls, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Lake Geneva Yacht Club Request to Store X-Boats in Boat Trailer Parking Lot Aug. 10 –11**

Pappas stated he received a request from the Lake Geneva Yacht Club to store X-boats in the boat trailer parking lot overnight on Monday, August 10 to Tuesday, August 11 for a regatta. Beers thought the regatta may have been moved to Madison and asked Pappas to double check.

Beers/Holst 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Lake Geneva Yacht Club Request to store X-Boats in the Boat Trailer parking lot August 10 – 11, 2020, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Set Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting was scheduled for August 26, 2020 at 4:00 pm.

**Adjournment**

Chanson/Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:40pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Theresa Loomer, Administrator/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: 08/26/2020