

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE

Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm on August 22, 2018 by Chairman Pappas.

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

Also Present: Greg Blizard, Jeff Cates, Theresa Loomer, Carol Whowell, Tom Whowell

Visitors Heard

None

General Business

Approval of Minutes for July 25, 2018

Chanson/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2018 meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Launch Update & Fall Staffing – Greg Blizard

Blizard stated that two of the launch staff will be leaving tomorrow. Loomer stated the beach staff were contacted about working weekends at the launch, after the beach closes, between Labor Day weekend and the middle of October. Two beach staff members have expressed interest in working at the launch.

Launch Procedures

Village Hall staff met with launch staff and police earlier in the week to go over the current procedures at the launch and discuss options that could help make the launch run more smoothly during summer weekends when traffic backs up on Third Avenue. For the remainder of this season, the Community Service Officer will assist in directing traffic during the busiest times, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm, the Village will provide walkie-talkies so launch staff can communicate between the launch and the boat trailer parking lot, and additional staff from the beach will fill in to provide additional staffing. Several ideas were discussed about how to staff the launch and direct traffic including using three staff members: one at the launch, one at the boat trailer parking lot and one at Third and Reid Street. There was discussion about the level of help staff should provide the people launching watercraft, and whether staff should be helping at all. Launch staff feels that by assisting boaters, they are helping to alleviate the traffic backup by getting boaters into the water more quickly. Several committee members felt that controlling traffic is the priority, not getting people into the water as quickly as possible. Staff will work together for the remainder of the season with the possible solutions as discussed, and work on a long term resolution for next summer.

Consider Additional Parking on Lake Street

Additional diagonal parking on Lake Street along Reid Park was discussed since the Village plans to reconstruct Lake Street as well as Parking Lot No. 1 in 2019. Carol Whowell stated she is in favor of additional parking on Lake Street for the local businesses and for people that enjoy the lakefront. Other areas discussed for possible additional diagonal parking spaces were on Reid Street in front of the Reid Park Ball Diamond and the area on Third Avenue across from the Park House Alley. Safety issues were expressed regarding cars backing out of angled stalls and possibly hitting other vehicles driving on Lake Street. Trustee Pappas stated he feels it is important to maintain two lanes on Lake Street. There was discussion on the relative slow growth of Village residents but increased tourism traffic to the area and it was noted that demand is exceeding supply. There was also discussion that adding additional parking on Lake Street would not help alleviate the need for parking on the weekends when the street is closed but demand is at its highest. Overall, the committee members agreed that creating angled parking stalls on

Lake Street is a good idea, that the parking stalls should face Reid Park and not the lake, that there should be two lanes of traffic.

Pier Permit Application filed for 363 N. Lakeshore Drive

A pier permit application was filed by Barbara Huck Trust at 363 N. Lakeshore Drive to extend the pier by twenty feet and relocate two existing boat slips. The pier will be moved off the lot line and will accommodate the minimum 12.5 foot setback. The applicant will submit an as-built survey upon completion and the application has been approved by the DNR.

Snyder/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the pier permit application filed by Barbara Huck Trust for the property located at 363 N. Lakeshore Drive, with the condition an as-built survey is filed upon completion, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Consider Half-Price Beach Admission After 6:00 pm

Beach staff has stated that several families turn away from the beach each night when they find out they need to pay full price. The committee discussed that admission used to only be charged until 6:00 pm but staff now stays and charges admission until 8:00 pm. The committee opted to keep prices the same and not offer half-price admission after 6:00 pm.

Chanson/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to recommend the Village Board deny amending the fee schedule to charge half-price beach admission after 6:00 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Consider Beach Admission Discount for Military and Seniors

After discussion, the committee recommended charging half-price admission for military and seniors over the age of 65.

Snyder/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of charging half-price admission for military and seniors over the age of 65, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for September 26, 2018 at 4:30 pm.

Adjournment

Snyder/Bikowski 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 pm, 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: 06/26/18