

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

**Lakefront and Harbor Committee**  
Wednesday, January 29, 2014  
(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:30 pm on January 29, 2014 by Chairman Rick Pappas.

**Committee Members Present:** Trustee Rick Pappas, Lee Eakright, Joel Bikowski, Don Holst  
**Committee Members Absent:** Ed Snyder, Bob Chanson, Steve Beers  
**Also Present:** Darrell Frederick, Village Clerk Dennis Martin

**Visitors Heard**

Pappas stated that he wanted to make a note in the official minutes that Glenwood Springs Association beach area is again being used to store the Glenwood Springs shore stations during the winter season. Bikowski asked Pappas why he has been making that statement every year, and Pappas stated he just wants to make it part of the minutes.

**General Business**

**Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held December 4, 2013**

Bikowski/Eakright 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the December 4, 2013 minutes as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Permit Application Filed by Austin Pier Service for Steve Beers Pier Additional Proposal**

Darrell Frederick of Austin Pier Service filed applications for the required Wisconsin DNR and Village permits to authorize a pier addition plan for the Steve Beers property at 454 North Lakeshore Drive. Frederick stated that the proposal is to add 10 feet to the end of the 80-foot pier and install a 200-square-foot loading platform. The reports from Building Inspector Ron Nyman states that the proposal meets the applicable Village and DNR setback requirements. Pappas stated that the submitted survey drawing of the modified pier depicts that the setback will be 18-feet, and the village ordinance only requires 12.5 feet; so it is well within the guidelines. Nyman's review letter states "the application is complete with the exception of a drawing depicting the existing pier and the pier extension only shows the pier locations as measured by the 'extended lot line measurement.' In this case, the distance indicated from the pier extension to the extended lot line is 19 feet; the minimum distanced required is 12.6 feet. The ordinance regulating piers requires that the pier be depicted on a certified survey using both the lot line and the knitter methods of measurement. The Lakefront and Harbor Committee may wish to waive this requirement and only require an 'as-built' survey upon completion of the project is so approved." Following discussion, the committee members reached the consensus that the proposed new pier is well within all the guidelines and the additional Municipal Code requirement that a certified survey be filed to also depict the knitter method should be waived for this application.

Bikowski/Holst 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the pier permit application as filed by Austin Pier Service for the Steve Beers property at 454 North Lakeshore Drive, contingent on final DNR approval of the application without changes, and subject to the filing of an as-built survey. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Permit Application Filed by Austin Pier Service for Willow Bend Pier Slip Addition Proposal**

Frederick filed applications for the required Wisconsin DNR and Village permits to authorize a pier addition plan to extend the current 140-foot pier out to 155 feet, and to install two more boat slips and a 32.5-foot platform across the end of the pier. The Village pier located to the south of the Willow Bend pier is 167-feet-long. Pappas asked Frederick if the application is approved,

would the applicants be willing to take out the buoy located closest to the shore at the end of the row of four buoys currently installed in the mooring area. Pappas stated that with the pier extended by 15 feet, the first buoy could end up having a moored boat obstruct other boaters trying to navigate through the area. Following discussion Frederick stated that he will discuss the congestion concerns with Jerry Marine's and review the situation once the new Willow Bend pier is installed and the boats are back in the lake for the season. The committee also discussed the new certified survey filed by Frederick that shows some of the existing pier walkways extend over the lot line by 2-inches, and the committee members came to the consensus that since the proposed addition plan is reducing one area of nonconformity on the northern portion of the pier by about 2 feet, the existing nonconforming walkways do not need to be addressed since it is only a matter of 2 inches. The proposal also calls for the addition of a total of two slips, to bring the total up to 13. The committee reviewed all the designated mooring areas prior to the Village Board codifying the findings in July 2009, and the Willow Bend Marine (Chuck's) DMA was further reviewed in February 2011 for the following current totals: "4 buoys, 11 boat slips/lifts/whips, 4 PWC on ramps, 5 PWC lifts and 1 ramp/barge office; however, Willow Bend has 1 extra buoy and 1 extra slip remaining that are approved but are not currently installed." When reviewing the DMAs, the committee set the criteria that one approved buoy, boat slip or boat lift spot can be exchanged for one buoy, slip or boat lift. The committee also discussed the pier length regulations and the fact that the DNR considers applications on an individual basis and makes its rulings based on what will fit in each specific area.

Bikowski/Eakright 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the pier permit application filed by Austin Pier Service for the Willow Bend Marine (Chuck's) DMA for the 15-foot addition and loading platform proposal, contingent on final DNR approval of the application without changes and subject to the filing of an as-built survey. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Trustee Pappas/Eakright 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of an amendment to the Lakefront and Harbor Committee DMA Review Final Totals document on file with the Village Clerk to amend the Willow Bend Marine (Chuck's) DMA to read as follows: "4 buoys, 13 boat slips/lifts/whips, 4 PWC on ramps, 5 PWC lifts and 1 ramp/barge office"; and to delete the following clause: "Willow Bend has 1 extra buoy and 1 extra slip remaining that are approved but are not currently installed." The MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **Set Next Meeting Date**

The next monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 4:30 pm if there is business to consider.

### **Adjournment**

Bikowski/Eakright 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Dennis Martin, Village Clerk/Acting Village Manager

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: 3/26/14