

# VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE

Walworth County, WI

## Lakefront and Harbor Committee

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm on February 22, 2017 by Chairman Rick Pappas.

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

**Committee Member Absent:** Joel Bikowski

**Also Present:** Clerk Theresa Loomer, Administrator Dennis Martin, Larry Quist

### Visitors Heard

None

### General Business

#### **Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held September 21, 2016**

Snyder/Chanson 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the minutes from September 21, 2016, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

#### **Boat Slip Waiting List Policy and Schedule**

The current boat slip mooring waitlist was presented. There are a total of 174 people on the waitlist and the top 12 were grandfathered to the top of the list prior to 2003. The remainder of the list is categorized by four priority rankings: Priority 1 – Fontana Property Owner & Full Time Resident (taxpayer & registered voter); Priority 2 – Fontana Property Owner & Part Time Resident (taxpayer but resides/votes elsewhere); Priority 3 – Fontana Property Owner of Vacant Lots/Dockominiums/Resort Hotel Condo Units; Priority 4 – Non-Resident (Application will be considered only if all other priorities are satisfied). Currently, each person on the waitlist that is offered a slip can pass three times before being removed or dropped to the bottom of the priority list. Staff begins at the beginning of the waitlist each season if and when boat slips become available. Chanson stated the rules and regulations are cumbersome and recommended that if someone on the waitlist passes one time they should be removed from the list, unless they are contacted in the midst of the season when they have likely already made other mooring arrangements for that season. There was lengthy discussion about what dates should constitute the season, when renewal letters should be sent out, if and when a deposit should be required, the amount of the deposit, and the date the final payment should be due. The final recommendation was for renewal letters to be sent out September 1 and a \$500 deposit to be required by October 15. Starting November 1, staff can contact the people on the waitlist for any available slips. The contacted waitlist person will have 14 days to respond to staff about whether they will take the available boat slip for the following season. If the person denies the available boat slip they are removed from the list and their \$75 deposit will be refunded upon request. The final payment will be due on January 31. The season will be defined as April 1 – September 1, and if a person is offered a slip within this time frame and they pass, their name will not be removed from the waitlist and they will retain their priority status. Staff was directed to notify the top 12 people that are grandfathered to see if they are interested in a slip in 2017 if one becomes available. If a slip becomes available for this season and they pass, they will be removed from the list.

Snyder/Beers 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval to modify the Boat Slip Waiting List Policy and Schedule and direct staff to send out boat slip renewal notice letters for the following season on September 1, require a \$500 deposit by October 15, and require final payment by January 31. Beginning November 1, staff may contact waitlist applicants for any available boat slips for the following season and a response is required within 14 days of contact;

if there is no response or the waitlist applicant denies the boat slip, they will be removed from the list and the \$75 deposit will be refunded upon request. The applicant is required to reapply to get back on the waitlist. The season will be defined as April 1 – September 1, and any applicant that is contacted for an available boat slip during that timeframe and passes will not be removed from the list and will retain their status. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **Boat Length Regulations**

Piers No. 3 and 4 accommodate boats up to 24-feet in length, and the new pier constructed last year, Pier No. 2, accommodates boats up to 26-feet in length. Chanson stated he spoke to Darrell Frederick from Austin Pier Service who is the Village's pier installer and was contracted to construct the new pier, and Frederick indicated the old piers can accommodate boats up to 26-feet long and the new pier can accommodate boats up to 30-feet long. There was some discussion about whether 28-feet is a more appropriate length than 30-feet, but the maximum length will be confirmed with Frederick. Pappas expressed concern about whether boaters would still be able to easily pull in and out of their spot with the extended boat lengths. Chanson stated that even with the added length it should not be an issue, and the boats will not hang over the pier or outside of the designated mooring space. There are two boat slips between each gang plank and none of the committee members were sure of the total width of the space, and since boats come in varying widths, Frederick will need to be contacted for information on the width of each space and the amount of recommended space or cushion between the beams located on each pier slip. The committee recommended at least a total of one-foot cushion per pier slip and directed staff to contact Frederick for more specific information and measurements. The committee made a recommendation to the Village Board, but stated if there are concerns from Frederick the item will be placed on next month's agenda for follow up.

Snyder/Chanson 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval to allow 26-foot boats on the old pier and 30-foot boats on the new pier, or 28-foot boats if 30-foot boats are deemed too large for the space, subject to review by Darrell Frederick from Austin Pier Service, with the conditions there are no ramifications to neighboring boats and that all boats can easily get in and out of their pier slip, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **Pier Permit Application Filed by Robert Hehr for the Property at 630 S. Lakeshore Drive**

An application was submitted by Larry Quist from Pier Docktors, Inc. for a pier addition for the property owned by Robert Hehr at 630 S. Lakeshore Drive. The proposed pier addition seeks to add one slip on the east side of the existing pier. The addition will add a total of 18-feet to the pier and will be 14.5 feet from the property line using the lot line measurement. The riparian neighbors, Sydney Bliss and Sue Origer have been notified by certified mail, and Quist stated he has been in contact and is working with Mr. Bliss. Pappas stated that he would like to see the committee adhere more strictly to the requirements set forth in ordinance 54-86(b). He raised questions to whether the application appropriately addresses the requirements laid out in 54-86(b)(5), 54-86(b)(6) and 54-86(b)(7). Pappas stated the application does meet all other requirements such as the number of moorings allowed. The application has already been approved by the DNR with conditions. Since there are two houses on the property and they have been established as a condominium association, committee members recommended that the condo association should be listed as the applicant rather than property owner Robert Hehr.

Holst/Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Pier Permit application filed by Robert Hehr for the property at 630 S. Lakeshore Drive with the condition the condominium association is listed as the applicant, and an as-built survey is filed upon completion, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **Set Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date was scheduled for Wednesday, March 22, 2017 beginning at 4:00 pm

### **Adjournment**

Chanson/Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:54 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: 03/22/17