

# VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE

Walworth County, WI

## Lakefront and Harbor Committee

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:30 pm on March 25, 2015 by Chairman David Prudden.

**Committee Members Present:** Trustee Dave Prudden, Ed Snyder, Steve Beers, Don Holst

**Committee Members Absent:** Joel Bikowski, Bob Chanson, Lee Eakright

**Also Present:** Darrell Frederick, Clerk Theresa Linneman, Administrator Dennis Martin, Police Chief Steve Olson, Trustee Rick Pappas, Ed Snyder Jr., Tom Whowell

### Visitors Heard

Ed Snyder Jr., provided an update on the Abbey Channel Dredging Project grant application through the Wisconsin Waterways Commission Financial Assistance Program. The program offers up to a 50 percent matching fund grant that is being applied for by the Village. Eddie Snyder also stated that the village may be eligible for another grant through the program for a potential rip rap project adjacent to the channel opening. The rip rap project has been discussed in the past as a possible project to help divert the sand that flows into the channel from the lake. Rick Pappas stated that the City of Lake Geneva and the Wisconsin DNR have proposed a project at Big Foot Beach State Park to construct a large boat launch facility that includes the installation of walls or rip rap out into the lake; if approved, the Village of Fontana may be able to get approval of a project using a similar construction method.

### General Business

#### **Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held October 22, 2014**

Snyder/Beers 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the October 22, 2014, minutes as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

#### **Lake Street Summer Guidelines Discussion**

Trustee Whowell stated the issue of opening and closing Lake Street was brought up in Protection Committee last week with no resolve. He believes the ordinance as written is not correct and it does not address the concerns brought up last summer. He stated when the street is closed off there is no handicap access or access for vans or taxi's to pick up or drop off customers near the entrance, and he believes the ordinance can be fixed. Prudden suggested holding a meeting in April with Whowell, Police Chief Steve Olson, Administrator Dennis Martin and himself to discuss the issue further and all four agreed to set a meeting date sometime next month.

#### **Village of Fontana Pier Permit Application for New Pier**

In addition to the proposed new pier and in order to save money, the Village has also applied with the DNR to extend the other two Village owned piers so all three are equal length at 200 feet. The new pier will have 22 slips, Pier No. 2 will add two new slips, and Pier No. 3 will add four new slips for a total of 28 slips, less the two that will be assigned to Kevin Kirkland and his marine business. With the construction of the new pier and the slip additions to the two piers, the Village would have 26 new slip spaces, which is one slip short of replacing all 27 of the current buoys. Darrell Frederick of Austin Pier Service suggested adding a "T" to the end of one of the two pier extensions to accommodate one more slip. Although the "T" is not on the application, Frederick said he can amend the permit to reflect the update if desired by the Village. According to Frederick and Snyder, Chuck's, Gordy's and Fontana Shores are all on board with exchanging their buoys for slips as well. Chuck's has already sunk cribs for its renovated pier. Pappas expressed concern with the 50 foot proximity of Pier No. 1 to the new pier and thinks it might be

too tight with the Gage excursion boats coming and going. Prudden suggested monitoring the new pier when it is installed for the 2016 season. If approved, the other piers will be extended for the 2017 season and any concerns could be addressed at that time.

### **Annual Village Mooring Applications Approvals**

Martin asked the committee for approval to move forward with paperwork and deposits received by applicants for renewing their annual mooring leases if all the requirements have been fulfilled. Martin stated that the mooring lease renewals are usually all very routine as the longtime lease holders have all the documents on file from previous years and the only requirement would be paying the fee.

Beers/Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to authorize the approval of Village Mooring Lease renewal applications with the conditions the necessary paperwork and fees have been submitted, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **Gage Marine Pier Lease Renewal**

The pier lease agreement between Gage Marine and the Village of Fontana expired on December 31, 2014. Martin stated he has attempted to contact Bill Gage, but has not received a response. According to past leases between Gage Marine and the Village, there has been a 4 percent annual increase in the fee. A 4 percent increase on the 2014 lease rate would bring the new total for 2015 up to \$4,094. The committee recommended approval of the pier lease renewal for 2015 and 2016 with 4 percent fee increases each year. Staff was directed to send the proposed lease renewal agreement to Gage and let him know if he has any questions or issues to appear at the next monthly committee meeting.

Snyder/Beers 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval the renewed pier lease agreement between the Village of Fontana and Gage Marine for two-years with a 4 percent increase in the fee for 2015 and a 4 percent increase in 2016, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **Pier Permit Extension Application, Kenneth Harkness, 443 N. Lakeshore Drive**

The pier permit extension application was tabled at the February 2, 2015 Village Board meeting because the application did not include a survey that shows existing and proposed conditions as well as neighboring piers. A survey has since been submitted and Prudden indicated he spoke with Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Ron Nyman, who stated he has no concerns and recommended the application for approval.

Snyder/Prudden 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the pier permit extension application as filed by Kenneth Harkness, 443 N. Lakeshore Drive, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **Set Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date was scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 4:00 pm.

### **Adjournment**

Snyder/Beers 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 Linneman, 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: 05/20/15