

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee
Wednesday, April 29, 2009
(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:30 pm on April 29, 2009 by Chairperson Micki O'Connell.

Roll Call: Micki O'Connell, Rick Pappas, Robert Chanson, Joel Bikowski

Absent: Lee Eakright, Steve Beers, Ed Snyder

Also Present: Village Clerk Dennis Martin, Harbormaster Bill Morrison, Tom Whowell

Visitors Heard

At the end of the meeting, Pappas stated that he wanted to make it part of the minutes that there were 32 boat lifts stored this past winter on the public beach area leased to the Country Club Estates Association. Bikowski stated that the boat lifts are from the Glenwood Springs piers. O'Connell stated that the Village pays to have its pier materials transported to the Public Works garage site for storage during the winter months. Chanson stated that some associations have to pay a fee for storing their pier materials during the winter and maybe the Village should be charging a fee for the materials being stored on public property. Pappas stated that he just wanted to make it part of the record that the boat lifts are being stored during the winter months on the public beach area leased to the Country Club Estates Association.

General Business

Approval of Minutes – March 25, 2009

Pappas/Bikowski 2nd made a MOTION to approve the March 25, 2009 minutes as submitted, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Pier Addition Application Filed With DNR by Austin Pier Service for Willow Bend Marine (Jerry's Marine) Pier

The Village received a letter on April 21, 2009 from the Wisconsin DNR that states a tentative determination on the application has been made to issue a permit with modifications to the proposed activity. The letter states that the catwalk cribs may be allowed, but the additional length is unlikely. O'Connell stated that she does not support the plan because it calls for posts to be erected several feet above the pier as overhead supports. O'Connell stated that she also does not want to see more gas cans piled up on the Jerry's Marine pier. Following discussion, the committee members were in consensus that several overhead poles sticking up above the piers would not be visually attractive; that Daryl Fredrick of Austin Pier Service should attend the next meeting to provide more information on the proposal; and that the item should be tabled since the DNR has not made its final determination. Tom Whowell stated that if the application is approved and the pier is modified, all of the other pier owners in that DMA should be allowed to amend their individual mooring areas.

Pappas/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to table the item, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

DMA Review Guidelines – Tabled 2/25/09 & 3/25/09

Chanson stated that he is not sure why the Village is reviewing the DMAs and that the committee should drop the matter unless complaints are received. Pappas stated that there has not been any

input received on his proposed guidelines, and the matter should be discussed when all of the committee members are present.

Chanson/Pappas 2nd made a MOTION to table the item, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Harbormaster Concerns

Bill Morrison asked if the planned boat rigging area adjacent to the boat trailer parking lot could be relocated in an effort to better accommodate the launch operations; however, the area he proposed is designated for automobile parking.

Review 24-Hour Time Limit for Launches

The Village Board requested that the committee review the current boat launch policy that a daily launch fee or one launch for commercial permit holders requires that the launch and exit take place within 24 hours, or another launch fee is charged. The launch is already open this season, so the committee decided to review the policy for next year. Tom Whowell stated that the entire launch rate package and policies should be reviewed as a package, not in a piecemeal fashion.

Chanson/Bikowski 2nd made a MOTION to table the item, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Commercial Parking System Proposal for Third Avenue

Bikowski stated that the Village should consider some sort of commercial parking plan in lieu of having the old parking meters erected along Third Avenue by Reid Park. Bikowski stated that the unsightly parking meters and poles will detract from Third Avenue Project and the Village should try a trial run without meters. O'Connell stated that Village staff has already looked into some sort of centralized, pay-by-space, multi-space parking pay station system; however, the season is about to open and the Third Avenue Project is nearing completion. O'Connell stated that the staff research is very preliminary and there are many options for centralized automated payment stations, so the old meters should be erected this season in the dirt area behind the new concrete pavement, and the Village should investigate a new metering system. O'Connell stated that all of the individual meters could be removed from the lakefront areas and parking lots and replaced with a centralized pay station system prior to next season. Motorists would have to use a credit card or cash at centralized stations, and wireless devices could be used by officers monitoring the parking to levy fines for expired receipts or unpaid parking fees. Chanson stated that he supports the proposal and he will present it to the CDA Board at its next meeting.

Bikowski/Pappas 2nd made a MOTION to recommend that the CDA move forward with planning for a centralized pay station electronic parking meter system on Third Avenue and along the lakefront streets and parking lots to replace the current parking meters as soon as possible, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Update on Lifeguard Stands Canopy Coverings

The Village still has not received the new canvass coverings for the lifeguard stands from Under Cover Canvass; however, they should be delivered by Wednesday, May 6, 2009.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 4:30 pm.

Adjournment

O'Connell/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:57 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Dennis L. Martin, 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: 5/27/09