

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee
Wednesday, May 22, 2013
(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:30 pm on May 22, 2013 by Chairman Rick Pappas.

Committee Members Present: Trustee Rick Pappas, Joel Bikowski, Don Holst, Lee Eakright, Ed Snyder, Bob Chanson, Steve Beers (arrived at 4:42 pm)

Also Present: Administrator/Treasurer Kelly Hayden, Merilee Holst, Clerk Dennis Martin, Tom Whowell

Visitors Heard

None

General Business

Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held May 1, 2013

Snyder/Bikowski 2nd made a MOTION to approve the May 1, 2013 minutes as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Village Launch Ramp Report

Launch ramp employee Greg Blizzard submitted a report on the village launch activity in May, which stated that the piers still need to be painted, orientation has been held for this season's staff, the lake level appears to be dropping already by a few inches, and there is some vegetation growing through the gravel in the seawall area north of Pier 3. Hayden also prepared summaries of the commercial launch activity so far this season and a revenue report which were distributed.

Approval of Remaining Village Mooring Leases for 2013

Hayden stated that the Village has received applications for four of the open moorings that will be presented to the Village Board for approval.

DNR Compliance Notice for Stone Steps Below High Water Mark at Neilson Property, 403 N. Lakeshore Drive

Flag stone stairs that were installed on the lakefront slope and into the water at the Neilson property at 403 North Lakeshore Drive had to be removed below the high water mark per a non-compliance notice issued May 8, 2013 by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Photographs were distributed of the stairs before they were removed below the high-water mark, and current photographs of the area with the stairs removed. The committee requested that the Building and Zoning Department inspect the lakefront stairs that are remaining above the high water mark to make sure that they are not too wide and that they comply with the shoreyard zoning standards, and to report the findings back to the committee if necessary.

Trustee Pappas/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to direct the Building and Zoning Department to enforce the shoreyard zoning ordinance with respect to the flag stone stairs that have been installed above the high water mark on the lakefront at the Neilson property located at 403 N. Lakeshore Drive, and to report back to the committee if the stairs are too large or if there is another issue. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Mooring Lease Agreement and Waiting List Policy Workshop

Pappas stated that at the last monthly meeting of the Village Board, Trustee George Spadoni had concerns with some of the preliminary suggestions by the committee members and Spadoni also had some items he would like addressed in the policy. Pappas stated that since Spadoni was not

able to attend the committee meeting that evening, he didn't want to waste the committee member's time with continued discussion on the waiting list policy draft until further input was provided by Spadoni and/or the other members of the Village Board. Hayden distributed the updated draft outline of the waiting list policy and requested that the committee members review it during the next month.

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

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Geneva Lake Shore Path Survey Announcement

A public survey of Geneva Lake area residents is being conducted by the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Sociology Department. The sociology researchers from UW-Oshkosh created the anonymous survey to learn more about how people feel about the quality of life in the Geneva Lake area and specifically about the public Geneva Lake Shore Path. Participation is completely voluntary, and the survey should take about 15-20 minutes to complete. The survey project is being administered by UW-Oshkosh Professor Paul Van Auken, Ph.D., (Sociology and Environmental Studies) and he can be contacted at telephone number: (920) 424-2038; or email address: vanaukep@uwosh.edu. The village received a request to help promote the survey in the quarterly newsletter and to post a link on the Village website.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, June 26, 2013 beginning at 4:30 pm.

2013 Vacant Moorings

Hayden stated that there are still four buoys and one boat slip that have to be filled for the 2013 season. Hayden stated that staff has called everybody on the waiting list for buoys, but none are interested in the leasing a buoy this season. Don Holst suggested that staff contact people who are the waiting list for boat slips to inquire if they may be interested in leasing one of the buoys.

Adjournment

Beers/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 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: 7/31/2013