

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee
Wednesday, May 27, 2009
(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:30 pm on May 27, 2009 by Chairperson Micki O'Connell.

Roll Call: Micki O'Connell, Robert Chanson, Ed Snyder, Lee Eakright, Rick Pappas, Steve Beers

Absent: Joel Bikowski

Also Present: Daryl Fredrick, Village Clerk Dennis Martin, Trustee Tom McGreevy, Tom Howell

Visitors Heard

None

General Business

Approval of Minutes – April 29, 2009

Snyder/Pappas 2nd made a MOTION to approve the April 29, 2009 minutes as submitted, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Harbormaster Concerns

Bill Morrison will be moving at the end of the month and resigning his position. Lou Ciaglia will be taking over.

Pier Addition Application Filed With DNR by Austin Pier Service for Willow Bend Marine (Jerry's Marine) Pier – Tabled 3/25/09 & 4/29/09

Daryl Fredrick of Austin Pier Service stated that he talked to Pam Schense at the Wisconsin DNR and she indicated that no issues were brought up during the mandatory comment period and a final determination will be made next week. O'Connell stated that she and other committee members have concerns about the proposed overhead support system for the new catwalks. O'Connell stated that if approved, the overhead supports will create more view-blocking clutter along the lakefront. O'Connell stated that temporary signage was erected on the pier and the frames for the sign are still up. O'Connell stated that if the Village approves the proposal it could set a precedent and the rest of the pier owners in the area will want to erect overhead supports for their piers and catwalks. Eakright, Pappas and Beers stated that they also have concerns with approving the plan for overhead supports that will create view obstructions. Pappas stated that if the plan is approved, it also would be equivalent to approving additional ramp space since the office barge would be moved from the ramp on shore to one of the new slips. The committee members also stated concerns with opening up the entire DMA for modifications by approving the proposal. Tom Howell stated that Gordy's would propose some type of modifications if given the opportunity. Chanson asked Fredrick if the addition plan could be constructed without the posts and cross-braces. Fredrick stated that there would be no support mechanism to hold up and stabilize the catwalks if the cross-braces are not used. The committee discussed other building options with Fredrick and the ramifications on the number of catwalks that could be installed by using cribs for support. The committee then discussed if the proposal should be tabled again or denied, since the committee members were in consensus that the proposed overhead cross-braces would create view obstructions and that the approval would open up the entire DMA for proposed modifications. Snyder stated that the committee should contact the

applicant and notify him that the proposal would not be approved as submitted and determine if the applicant wishes to modify the plan.

Snyder/Pappas 2nd made a MOTION to table the item and to direct Village staff to contact the applicant to notify him of the committee's concerns. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

DMA Review Guidelines – Tabled 2/25/09, 3/25/09 & 4/29/09

Following discussion, the committee directed Martin to present at the next monthly meeting the DMA approval information and current photographs for the Cavanaugh/Sullivan and Gordy's Marine piers and for as many other DMAs that are ready for an initial review. If the approval matches what is currently installed, there will be no need to have representatives appear before the committee. If there are discrepancies and a DMA has more moorings than what has been approved, the associations will be contacted for a representative to appear before the committee to resolve the situations. If an association does not have all of its approved moorings installed, it will be noted in the record. The review plan drafted by Pappas will be used as a guide by the committee for the reviews.

Long-Range Plan to Replace Pier Wood with Composite

O'Connell stated that since there are problems with wood decking and the joints, and paint chips falling to the water, maybe the Village should pursue changing the piers over to a composite material. Fredrick explained the negative aspects of installing a composite and stated that it would not be a good idea for the Village. Following further discussion, the committee determined that the wood piers will be fine and that precautions can be taken to prevent the paint chips from falling into the water when the piers are being scrapped and painted in the spring. Beers stated that the Village should also consider staining the piers to help prevent the paint chip problem.

Country Club Estates Beach Maintenance

O'Connell stated that she talked to Public Works Director Craig Workman and the crew will be fixing the fence on the south end of the beach by the channel, and the wooden planters were removed from the shoreline and replaced with boulders – which are on the shore not in the water. O'Connell stated that more erosion control measures are required in front of the piers and in the channel. Austin Pier Service submitted a proposal to replace 103 feet of treated wall edging on both sides of the Abbey Harbor for \$2,400. The proposal states the Abbey Harbor is going to supply the 3-by-11-foot treated lumber and Austin Pier is going to perform the labor and provide the fasteners for the replacement project. The committee members reviewed the proposal and there were no concerns stated. McGreevy stated that the piers put in by the Country Club Estates are subject to erosion caused structural problems and he asked if the association could install a concrete base in the lake. The committee members responded that the Wisconsin DNR does not allow concrete structures to be installed in lakes. Fredrickson stated that the best solution would be to install rip rap, but that would require DNR approval. McGreevy stated that the association would pay for the project if it receives approval from the DNR. McGreevy stated that the Country Club Estates Association Board of Directors also has talked about offering the Village the 40-acres of forest preserve land the association currently owns in exchange for the beach parcel the Village currently leases to the association for \$1 a year. McGreevy stated that the "land swap" would allow the Village to control the 40 acres and put it into a nature conservancy, and the association could take over full financial responsibility of the beach. O'Connell stated that McGreevy should have the association's Board of Directors submit a written proposal and it will be directed to the proper committees and Village Board for consideration. Following discussion, the committee members were in consensus that Village staff should submit an application to the DNR for the proposed rip-rap work on both sides of the Abbey Channel to help prevent sand and silt from accumulating in the channel. Fredrick stated that the application fee is \$50.

Snyder/Pappas 2nd made a MOTION to direct staff to submit an application to the Wisconsin DNR for the proposed rip-rap project on the north and south sides of the Abbey Channel, and to complete the project if it is funded by the Country Club Estates Association. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

No Parking Across from Park House

Following discussion, the committee members were in consensus that no parking signage should be erected on the north side of Third Avenue across from the Park House in lieu of painting the curb area yellow. Beers stated that the Village has too many parking signs erected already and that people usually do not park in that area. The previous weekend, there were a lot of people parking in the area just to pick up their item purchased at the Fontana Garden Club's annual plant sale at the Park House.

Snyder/Eakright 2nd made a MOTION to recommend that the Village erect one no-parking sign, and a second sign only if necessary on the north side of Third Avenue across the street from the Park House. The MOTION carried with one negative vote cast by Beers.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at 4:30 pm.

Adjournment

Snyder/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 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: 6/24/09