

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee
Wednesday, May 30, 2012
(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 5:00 pm on May 30, 2012 by Chairman Rick Pappas.

Committee Members Present: Trustee Rick Pappas, Don Holst, Ed Snyder, Joel Bikowski, Bob Chanson, Lee Eakright

Committee Member Absent: Steve Beers

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

Visitors Heard

None

General Business

Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held March 21, 2012

Snyder/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to approve the March 21, 2012 minutes as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Nonresident Mooring Fees Clarification

Hayden stated that the village mooring rental priority policy for the waiting list requires clarification on the issue of year-round Fontana residents, and if the definition should include taxpayers, registered voters and renters. Hayden stated that the list has people who rent residences in the Village, but who are not taxpayers, and there are property owners/taxpayers who are not fulltime residents. Hayden stated that the initial recommendation of the committee when establishing the priority criteria was for fulltime residents, taxpayers, voters and renters to be considered the first priority, and for nonresidents from other municipalities to be the lowest ranked on the priority list. Ed Snyder stated that the resolution would just need to be amended to state that fulltime Fontana residents have to be registered voters.

Snyder/Bikowski 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of a resolution amendment to the village mooring waiting list priority criteria to state that fulltime residents must be registered voters, and to remove the taxpayers reference from the fulltime resident definition. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Leadership Dynamics Map Case

The Village received a request from the Badger High School Leadership Dynamics class to erect a map case on the lakefront at the beach area leased to the Country Club Estates Association. Hayden stated that the students would like to have the case contain a map that shows Geneva Lake area attractions, and to have the case erected where the shorepath starts after the channel and bridge. Hayden stated that the class would like to have one map case erected in Fontana and others erected around the lake. Chanson asked if the Village really wants to promote the lake path, and Joel Bikowski stated that the Glenwood Springs Association residents already have to deal with people walking through their yards and neighborhoods to get to the path. Hayden stated that the map is not a map of the shorepath, it is just an area attractions map that the students want to display by the path. Tom Whowell suggested that a better location for the map case would be by the village launch ramp. Chanson stated that another good location would be in Reid Park, rather than on the Country Club Estates beach where the shorepath resumes. There also were

concerns that the plans for the map case were not very definitive and that no class members were present to make the request and answer questions.

Chanson/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to table the item and to direct staff to provide direction to the Leadership Dynamics class students prior to the next monthly meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Abbey Harbor Association Engineering Report Update

Snyder stated that the report is now scheduled to be completed by June 15, 2012.

As Built Survey Update

Pappas stated that he requested from the Building and Zoning Department an update on the as built surveys filed with the Village for recently approved pier permits. Pappas stated the only two of the permits approved are still open, with the as built surveys not yet submitted; however, those two permits were approved in the last year and the piers have not yet been installed. The applicants have up to two years to submit the required as built surveys.

Launch Review

Pappas stated that he watched the staff work the village launch this past holiday weekend, and assisted during a few busy periods, and he stated that the employees do a great job. Pappas stated that the launch ramp traffic gets backed up for periods of time when a lot of people arrive in a short period of time. Pappas stated that the backup could be addressed and better managed with another employee working at the corner of Third Avenue and Reid Street. Hayden stated that the congested periods can last up to 20 minutes at a time when it gets crazy, but then it slows down. Hayden stated that there will be a few more launch ramp employees available now that the summer season is underway and the plan is to add a person to help direct street traffic from 8:00 am to Noon on weekends. Hayden stated that the staffing will be reevaluated at the season goes on. Eakright stated that more of a Police Department presence may be needed on Lake Street and the launch ramp area to address motorists who ignore the traffic signs and drive the wrong way on the one-way streets. Motorists also back up their vehicles against the traffic and cause congestion. Hayden stated that the CSO officer has a lot of responsibilities, including writing parking citations; however, the traffic congestion and pedestrian safety issues caused by motorists driving the wrong way on one-way streets should take priority. Chanson stated that a problem at the ramp also occurs when the employees are assisting with the launching of a boat instead of staging the vehicles waiting in line on the streets. Don Holst suggested that boaters be given an information sheet on the launch procedures and boat preparations prior to reaching the launch in order to expedite the process. Holst stated that handouts were used by the Lake Geneva Yacht Club at a recent regatta and they were able to launch hundreds of boats in less than an hour. Chanson asked if the committee could review a monthly report on the launch ramp tallies. Snyder stated that the Fontana Shores Condominium Association would like the Village to install four more channel buoys so that both ends are marked.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, June 20, 2012 beginning at 4:30 pm.

Adjournment

Snyder/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 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: 6/27/12