

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee
Wednesday, July 31, 2013
(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:30 pm on July 31, 2013 by Chairman Rick Pappas.

Committee Members Present: Trustee Rick Pappas, Joel Bikowski, Don Holst, Ed Snyder, Steve Beers

Committee Members Absent: Bob Chanson, Lee Eakright

Also Present: Bill Barrett, Jade Bolack, Charles Colman, Administrator/Treasurer Kelly Hayden, Merilee Holst, Clerk Dennis Martin

Visitors Heard

None

General Business

Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held May 22, 2013

Snyder/Beers 2nd made a MOTION to approve the May 22, 2013 minutes as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Village Launch Ramp Report

Launch ramp employee Greg Blizard submitted a report on the village launch activity through July, which states: "1. Prior to the July 4th holiday, we instituted dedicated pullout only and launch lanes to ease traffic flow. So far it has worked well with very few negative comments. As always we still are able to use both for use as needed. We intend to continue this pattern for the duration of the season. 2. Recently a Village ramp customer changed from a non-motorized boat to a personal watercraft. He has virtually no room on his ramp space and has complained to us about the situation. I've measured the ramp widths and find them to be 48-inches-wide from centerline to centerline. See attached pictures for clarification. Options to consider are reducing the ramp widths from 48-inches to 36-40-inches for the canoes and kayaks, or explore the possibility of lengthening the entire ramp to allow greater individual ramp spaces." Hayden stated that some changes of the initial ramp space assignments rectified the situation this year; however, the committee members should think about the options to address any potential problems next year. Hayden also distributed the summer revenue spreadsheet to date.

Village Moorings Report

Hayden stated that the Village has three buoys that were not leased this season.

Village Rip Rap Project Permit Approval

A Village of Fontana Building Permit is required for the Village rip rap repair project at the Abbey Harbor channel. The project proposal has been filed by Austin Pier and it has received approval from the committee and Village Board. The project, which is funded in this year's budget, also has been issued the required Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources permit. Snyder/Beers 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Village of Fontana Building Permit for the rip rap project to be completed by Austin Pier Service, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Edward Roth, 374 N. Lakeshore Drive, Pier Modification Building Permit Application – Pier Docktors

The pier addition plan has been approved by the Wisconsin DNR and the Village Board, subject

to DNR, Lakefront and Harbor Committee and Village of Fontana Building and Zoning Department approval, and with the condition that an as-built survey is submitted. Snyder/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to approve the Pier Permit application as filed, with the condition that an as-built survey is filed with the Village of Fontana Department of Building and Zoning, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Rafaelita J. Cantalupo Trust, 754 S. Lakeshore Drive, Pier Building Permit Application – Pier Docktors

A Building Permit application has been filed; however, the Wisconsin DNR has not provided notice of the approval or denial for the pier permit application filed for the residence at 754 S. Lakeshore Drive, Tax Parcel No. SA71300001. There was a public hearing conducted for the DNR permit application on June 18, 2013 at the Village Hall. The DNR notifies the Village when pier permit applications are filed, when public hearings are requested, and when the final determinations are made. There was an error made by the Village several decades ago with regard to the street address used for the lakefront parcel, Tax Parcel No. SA71300001; however, when the address situation was discovered in April 2013, Assistant Zoning Administrator Bridget McCarthy researched the county and village records and resolved the situation. The 754 S. Lakeshore Drive residential address should have been assigned to Tax Parcel No. SA71300002 according to a Village address plat record; however, if and when a residence is constructed on the lot, it will be assigned a different street address. In a May 2, 2013 message that was emailed to the committee members, McCarthy explained the address situation and stated that a lot line adjustment and Certified Survey Map that were approved October 11, 2012 removed a very small strip of the lakefront property that used to be included in Tax Parcel No. SA71300002 and assigned it to Tax Parcel No. SA71300001. So Tax Parcel No. SA71300002, street address to be determined, no longer contains any lakefront property and a pier permit cannot be issued by the Village or by the DNR for parcels that are not located on the lake. Merilee Holst, 744 Brickley Drive, stated that she has three concerns with the application. Merilee Holst stated that there is supposed to be a stream on the Cantalupo Trust lot that was buried by the property owners. Merilee Holst stated that the DNR is aware of the situation and when the stream is reestablished, it will create a silting problem for the lake because the stream will enter the lake in the same area where the pier is proposed to be installed and it will block its natural flow into the lake. Merilee Holst stated that her second concern with the permit application is that the DNR has not yet approved the plan and the DNR websites indicates that an amended plan is being filed. Merilee Holst stated that her third concern is that the pier permit application form filed with the DNR on February 27, 2013 has an error with regard to the tax parcel number and the address of the lakefront lot and the owners may be trying to get approval for a pier for the other tax parcel owned by the Cantalupo Trust. The emailed message from McCarthy that resolved the address situation for the two lots was forwarded to Merilee Holst on May 7, 2013. Bill Barrett, 744 Sylvan Glen, said that all the property owners in the Sylvan Glen subdivision have concerns with the proposed pier. Barrett stated that the association's pier is located 12.5-feet to the west of the lot line that separates the parcel from the Cantalupo Trust lot, and they have concerns with congestion if another pier is installed in the area. Barrett stated that there are several boats on the association pier and it will be difficult for those boats to be driven in and out of the area. Barrett stated that the association also has a ramp that it has been installing on the lot line for many years, and there are sailboats and other watercrafts on the ramp that will be difficult to take out if they have to sail through the area where the Cantalupo Trust would like to have a pier installed. Barrett stated that another pier would close in the area so much that people could walk from pier to pier without going into the water. Charles Colman of the Geneva Lake Conservancy stated that his concern is not with the pier proposal; he is concerned that the "back property" does not get authorized a pier permit or riparian rights and that there is an easement that runs along the lot line that should not be used to authorize riparian rights. Hayden stated that the back lot no longer has land that abuts the lake because of the October 2012 CSM approval, and the Village will send a copy of the CSM to the Geneva Lake Conservancy. Pappas stated that the committee should not make a recommendation on the permit application until the DNR completes its review, and if the

permit is approved, the Village will have to make sure it is issued for the correct tax parcel number and street address.

Snyder/Beers 2nd made a MOTION to table the item until the next monthly meeting or until the DNR completes its review, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Mooring Lease Agreement and Waiting List Policy Workshop

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

Set Next Meeting Date

The next monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, August 28, 2013 beginning at 4:30 pm.

Adjournment

Snyder/Bikowski 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 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: 8/28/2013