

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE

Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm on August 24, 2016 by Chairman Rick Pappas.

Committee Members Present: Trustee Rick Pappas, Bob Chanson, Don Holst, Ed Snyder, Joel Bikowski, Lee Eakright (arrived at 4:05 pm)

Committee Member Absent: Steve Beers,

Also Present: Darrell Frederick, David Lindelow, Administrator Dennis Martin, Daniel O'Callaghan, Kathryn Sawyer Gutenkunst, Dave Patzelt, Dale Thorpe, Trustee Tom Whowell

Visitors Heard

Country Club Estates Board of Directors member Cherie Setteducate submitted a letter to the committee seeking information on the village plans for repairing an irrigation system on the small beach parcel that was damaged during the bridge construction projects, as well as finishing the overall landscaping; and also on a proposal to have a wooden walkway replaced on the beach where it separates the sand from the grass area. Martin stated after he received the letter he spoke with Setteducate about the additional landscaping work to be completed this fall and next spring in the small beach and driveway areas, and the irrigation system also will be repaired. As far as the wooden walkway proposal, it was approved in September 2013 by the Lakefront Committee and Village Board for the Country Club Estates Association to fund the replacement of the current boardwalk along the south beach lakefront with a concrete sidewalk. The Lakefront and Harbor Committee approved a motion at its August 28, 2013 meeting to endorse the CCE Association removing the boardwalk and reinstalling a concrete sidewalk at their expenses and providing all future maintenance, subject to the issuance of all the appropriate permits.

General Business

Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held July 27, 2016

Snyder/Bikowski 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes from July 27, 2016 as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Estimate Received for Proposed Fenders/Bumpers Under Lakefront Bridge

At last month's meeting, Ed Snyder explained that under the newly constructed bridge on South Lakeshore Drive, the fluctuating pattern created by the orientation of the steel pilings creates a nuisance for some boaters in the Geneva Lake channel, which is now a few inches narrower than the channel was under the old bridge. The committee requested that staff contact Darrell Frederick from Austin Pier Service to supply an estimate for the installation of plastic or vinyl boards that could be installed on the length of the bump-out sections by attaching the bumpers with 3/4-inch screws in the steel pilings. Frederick presented his \$4,812 estimate and stated the main expense would be labor for welding the nuts and bolts on the 32 individual bumpers and the sheet piles. The committee members reached the consensus that the proposal is a good idea; however, some felt it should not be a village expense or the Village's responsibility to finance additions to the bridge that benefit only the boaters in the Abbey Harbor. Following further discussion, the committee members reached the consensus that the proposal should be recommended forward to the Finance Committee and Village Board to determine if it should be financed in the 2017 budget or approved with the condition that the Abbey Harbor Association funds the project.

Holst/Bikowski 2nd made a MOTION to recommend the \$4,812 proposal submitted Austin Pier Service to fabricate and install 32 EPS plastic bumpers on the sheet piling under the South

Lakeshore Drive bridge forward to the Finance Committee and Village Board to consider funding in the 2017 budget, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Sylvan Glen Drive Property Owner's Mooring Permit Application

Village Attorney Dale Thorpe provided the background on the application that was filed in March 2016 and supplemented that day by the applicant's attorney, Daniel O'Callaghan. Thorpe stated that the application is complete and the ownership of the lakefront lot and private drive issues have been worked out through a Walworth County Circuit Court ruling in favor of the individual Sylvan Glen Drive property owners. Thorpe stated that the current pier and slips are not part of the application for the four mooring buoys that was being considered at the meeting. There is also a ramp placed on the lakefront lot with a sailboat stored on it that has not gone through the permitting process and is not part of the current application. Thorpe stated that staff has reviewed all the application documents and has recommended the buoy plan complies with the ordinance requirements for placement, number and neighbor consent. Thorpe stated the village ordinance regulates the placement of mooring buoys, not density according to Section 54-161. The staff report recommends conditions for approval to limit boat size to 21-feet on the two easterly buoys, 23-feet on the two westerly buoys, and to require any approval to be recorded against the consenting owner's property. Thorpe stated that the proposals calls for the two buoys on the east side to not cross the lot line of the Cantalupo property, and the owner of the lot to the west, Kent Shodeen, has signed off on allowing those two boats to cross over the lot line from their respective buoys. Thorpe stated that Kent Shodeen's consent should be recorded with the Walworth County Register of Deeds Office in case the parcel is sold in the future and the consent can be tracked by future officials and property owners. O'Callaghan stated that the applicants have no concerns with the suggested conditions for approval. Attorney Kathryn Sawyer Gutenkunst, representing the Cantalupos, stated that she just wanted to make sure the riparian area owned by her client is not blocked by the boats on the eastern buoys as had been the case in past years. Thorpe stated that one of the conditions for approval call for the boats on the east side of the lot to be only 21-feet-long at maximum, and for a 4-foot painter and a 2-foot scope which will prevent the boats from crossing the lot line.

Snyder/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the application for four mooring buoys filed by the Sylvan Glen Drive property owners as submitted with the conditions that the boat size on the two easterly buoys be limited to a maximum of 21-feet-long with 4-foot painters and 2-foot scopes; that the boat size on the two westerly buoys be limited to a maximum of 23-feet-long with 4-foot painters and 2-foot scopes; that the consent of neighboring property owner Kent Shodeen be recorded with the Walworth County Register of Deeds Office; that any necessary permits on approvals are received from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and that an as-built survey is submitted following the installation of the buoys. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Request to Review Policy for Commercial Parcel Season Beach Tags Rate

The committee discussed with Abbey Resort General Manager David Lindelow the current Village policy that allows for owners of commercial units to purchase up to five season beach passes per parcel at \$10 each. Abbey Provident Hotel Management, LLC only owns 15 parcels which allows them to purchase 75 passes under the current policy, and the resort went through those passes by the end of July. Since the policy was changed a few years ago when Abbey Resort guests were not returning the passes and the committee members were concerned they were just being sold as part of the room rates, the Abbey has been receiving refundable deposits from the guests to help ensure the passes are returned for use by future guests who want to go to the municipal beach. Martin stated that he and Village President Pat Kenny met with Lindelow and Abbey Provident Hotel Management LLC Manager Cary Kerger last spring and they discussed several issues. Martin stated that one of the items they agreed to review was the beach pass rate for commercial units. One of the suggestions discussed was changing the policy for the Abbey Resort to be allowed to purchase up to 500 passes for the season at \$5 each. Following

further discussion, the committee directed staff to meet with Lindelow and come up with a proposal to be presented to the committee for a recommendation prior to next season.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2016 beginning at 4:00 pm.

Adjournment

Chanson/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Dennis Martin, Village Administrator

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: 9/21/16