

**VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE**  
Walworth County, WI

**Lakefront and Harbor Committee**  
Wednesday, August 25, 2010

(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:30 pm on August 25, 2010 by Chairperson Micki O'Connell.

**Roll Call:** Trustee Micki O'Connell, Rick Pappas, Joel Bikowski, Lee Eakright

**Absent:** Ed Snyder, Steve Beers, Robert Chanson

**Also Present:** Administrator/Treasurer Kelly Hayden, Roger Knuth, Tom Larimer, Vito Licari, Village Clerk Dennis Martin, John O'Malley, Tom Whowell

**Visitors Heard**

None

**General Business**

**Approval of Minutes for Meetings Held July 28, 2010**

Pappas/Eakright 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the July 28, 2010 minutes as submitted, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Jerry's Marine Barge Permit – Tabled 7/28/10**

Pappas stated that Pam Schense of the Wisconsin DNR still has not contacted him after she deferred a decision on the Jerry's Marine barge permit approval to the DNR's legal department. Pappas stated that Schense still has not received a ruling from the DNR's legal department. Pappas/Eakright 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to table the item, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**DMA Reviews for Codification Project – Glenwood Springs, Harvard Club & Belvidere Park**

Pappas stated that he walked the Glenwood Springs lakefront with Joel Bikowski and Roger Knuth and any differences in the total moorings in the Glenwood DMA between 2002 and current were very insignificant. Pappas stated that the totals for the Glenwood Springs DMA are 100 buoys, 34 slips, 5 whips, 10 shore stations not with H-slips, 5 PWC lift spots, and 68 ramp spaces. Pappas stated that all of the facilities are delineated on the diagram supplied to the Village by Glenwood Springs.

Pappas/Eakright 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the Glenwood Springs DMA review as presented and recommend to the Village Board that the Glenwood Springs moorings be codified as 100 buoys, 34 slips, 5 whips, 10 shore stations not with H-slips, 5 PWC lift spots, and 68 ramp spaces. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

John O'Malley and Tom Larimer of the Harvard Club presented documentation for 17 slips, 8 buoys and 60 feet of ramp space in the Harvard Club DMA. Pappas stated that there is also five PWC lifts in the Harvard Club DMA that were not approved with the other mooring spots about 20 years ago. Pappas stated that during the committee's review of each DMA along the Fontana lakefront, the committee has used the guideline that one PWC lift could be exchanged for five feet of approved ramp space; and one buoy could be exchanged for two PWC lifts. O'Connell stated that it would be up to the Harvard Club membership to determine if it wants to exchange approved ramp space or buoys for the not-yet-approved PWC lifts. O'Malley stated that the

ramps in the Harvard Club DMA consist of four 15-foot sections. Larimer stated that the Harvard Club members are starting to be more interested in kayaks, jet skis and wave runners and maybe they will want to swap out some of the current buoys or ramp space for PWC lifts. O'Malley stated that he wanted to be clear what the membership will be asked to approve. Pappas stated that for example, one 15-foot section of ramp space could be removed to allow for three of the PWC lifts, and one buoy could be removed to allow for the other two PWC lifts. O'Malley and Larimer will report back to the Harvard Club Association members and solicit a decision on the five PWC lifts.

Pappas/Eakright 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to table the review of the Harvard Club DMA until next month, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Pappas stated that he walked the Belvidere Park Association lakefront and took a current count; however, he needs to research the Village records to determine what has been previously approved.

Pappas/Eakright 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to table the review of the Belvidere Park Association DMA until next month, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **Trailer Parking on Streets – Update on Subcommittee Meeting**

Hayden stated that the subcommittee held a meeting and ideas suggested included banning boat trailer parking on all streets in the downtown/launch area or requiring F stickers for parking on the streets. Hayden stated that the subcommittee asked Village Attorney Dale Thorpe to research if the proposals are legal. Hayden stated that Thorpe initially stated that he thought it would be illegal to post no-parking for trailers on village streets or to stripe parallel stalls that would not be long enough to accommodate a trailer and a vehicle. Hayden stated that Thorpe researched the issues and sent a letter to the Village dated August 20, 2010. In Thorpe's letter, he cites ordinances adopted in Williams Bay and Lake Geneva that prohibit trailer parking on some streets and requires vehicle and/or trailer parking between marked lines on designated streets. Hayden stated that Thorpe has not yet provided an opinion on the ordinances adopted by Williams Bay and Lake Geneva. Hayden stated that once Thorpe has provided an opinion on the Williams Bay and Lake Geneva ordinances, the subcommittee will meet again and finalize a recommendation for the Lakefront and Harbor Committee. The Lakefront and Harbor Committee recommendation will then be presented to the Village Board for consideration. Vito Licari said the Village decided to reduce the total number of parking stalls in the boat trailer parking lot, but in an attempt to generate revenue, people are still being allowed to launch when the lot is full. Licari stated that the vehicles and trailers have been let loose to cause havoc throughout the village. Tom Whowell stated that the village has a great crew at the launch and there is nothing they can do to alleviate the congestion on and off the lake when people are walking to and from their automobiles all over the Village. Whowell stated the Thorpe is wrong and the village can ban boat trailer parking on the streets, which is what should be done. Whowell stated that the Village decided to build a parking lot with a certain number of spaces, and they should live with it. Hayden stated that the lot has been reduced and now the Village is taking baby steps to resolve the problem. With the parking problem pushed back into the residential neighborhoods, Hayden stated that the Village is leaning toward considering a ban on all boat trailer parking on the streets. Hayden stated that the subcommittee meeting will be scheduled as soon as Thorpe completes his review, and perhaps a special meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee can be scheduled to advance a recommendation to the Village Board before the end of this boating season.

### **Update on Fontana Shores Steps**

O'Connell stated that she talked to David Audino, the owner of the lakefront parcel adjacent to the Fontana Shores parcel, and he thinks that Fontana Shores should install another set of stairs to restore the lakeshore path back to its longtime route. When Fontana Shores installed and then

removed stairs that led pedestrians to the path, it forced people to use the stairs on the Buena Vista property because the initial route has been blocked. Following discussion, Hayden stated that the Village cannot dictate what method the Fontana Shore Condominium Association uses, just that it must allow access to the shorepath on its property and not divert pedestrian onto other parcels.

Bikowski/Pappas 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to direct the Fontana Shores Association to have the Geneva Lake shorepath restored to its original condition so that pedestrian are not blocked from accessing the path on the association property. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **Geneva Lake Environmental Agency Letter Regarding Paint Chips in Lake – Tabled 7/28/10**

O’Connell stated that the committee approved a motion last year to direct Village staff not to sweep or allow paint chips to fall in the lake when scrapping and painting the piers. The GLEA is requesting the five municipalities to adopt an amendment to the Joint Uniform Lake Law Ordinance that was drafted by the Town of Linn. The proposed amendment would regulate pier scrapping and painting on Geneva Lake. Bikowski stated that normal wear and tear on the piers causes the paint to chip, not power-washing or scraping the piers prior to painting them each season. O’Connell stated that she thought it was good enough that the committee directed Village staff to not allow paint chips to fall or be swept into the lake, and there is no need to amend the Joint Uniform Lake Law Ordinance. O’Connell stated that since three of the committee members were not at the meeting that night that they should wait until next month to make an official recommendation on the proposal to amend the Joint Uniform Lake Law Ordinance.

### **2011 Budget Schedule**

The lakefront budget will be presented with the administration budget on Thursday, September 23, 2010. O’Connell stated that she would like to put the \$600 proposal to power wash the lakefront bridge in next year’s budget. Hayden stated that the Village also needs to purchase new swim buoys for next year. Hayden stated that the major expense for the lakefront budget is installing, taking out and maintaining the piers and moorings. Pappas stated that he favors proposing a dramatic increase in the lease rate for Village slips. Pappas stated that with only 30 slips, and more than 100 people on the waiting list, the Village is subsidizing a special service for a small group of residents. Pappas stated that as a way to offset a decrease in boat trailer parking lot revenue, the Village should increase the mooring lease rates by much more than 4 percent. Following discussion, the committee directed Martin to schedule a special meeting for August 31, 2010 at 4:30 pm to discuss the 2011 budget, mooring lease fees and boat trailer parking.

### **Mooring Lease Language Review to Address Concerns**

Village staff requested that the committee review the mooring lease language to address concerns that have come up this season with the 4-foot width of the ramp spaces, and with the issue of lease holders selling their Village property during the season. Pappas stated that as well as personal watercrafts getting wider and not fitting in the 4-foot spaces, some of the spaces are a little less than 4-feet-wide. Hayden stated that Daryl Fredrick will fix the ramps that are not quite 4-feet-wide next season. Howell suggested that the Village make the ramp spaces 5-feet-wide to adapt to the new watercrafts. The committee then discussed if the ramp sizes could be increased without losing too many spots and how the Village would determine which ramp lease holders would lose their space if the total number of spots is reduced next season. Pappas stated that he will look at the ramps and try to determine if there are other options to provide wider spaces. The committee also discussed the priority ranking system for the waiting list, the ramifications of a lease holder selling their property after the season has commenced, and if a grace period should be established if someone is selling one property but purchasing another in the Village.

O'Connell stated that the committee members should continue to review the matter for further discussion at next month's meeting.

**Set Next Meeting Date**

The next monthly meeting date is Wednesday, September 29, 2010 at 4:30 pm.

**Adjournment**

Bikowski/O'Connell 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: 9/29/10