

**VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN**
(Official Minutes)

SPECIAL JOINT SESSION WORKSHOP of the
LAKEFRONT AND HARBOR COMMITTEE and PARK COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Trustee Micki O'Connell and Park Commission Chairman Rick Treptow called the Special Joint Workshop Meeting to order at 5:00 pm in the Village Hall, 175 Valley View Drive, Fontana, Wisconsin.

Lakefront and Harbor Committee members present: O'Connell, Ed Snyder, Joe Bikowski, Rick Rosenow (arrived late)

Lakefront and Harbor Committee members absent: Steve Beers, Bob Chanson, Lee Eakright

Park Commissioners present: Treptow, Jill Wegner, Laurie Larson, Brent Horvath, Sharon O'Brien, Dawn Sammons (left early), Trustee Joe Bidwill

Park Commissioner absent: Sarah Lobdell

Also present: Village Administrator Kelly Hayden-Staggs, Mike Kersch, Librarian Nancy Krei, Village Clerk Dennis Martin, CDA Executive Director Joseph McHugh, Village Treasurer Peg Pollitt, Trustee Ron Pollitt, Plan Commissioner George Spadoni, Karen Varhula, Chris White, Public Works Director Craig Workman

Business

Lakefront Fencing Options

Treptow presented a history of the issue and stated that the Park Commission voted in December 2005 to recommend a black, steel fence not to exceed 4-feet-high. McHugh then presented a PowerPoint of area fences. New fencing is proposed along the lakefront at the beach, 1,300 feet on both sides of the street; around the boat trailer parking lot, 366 feet; and around Little Foot Park, 136 feet. Following discussion the group reached a consensus that the fence posts should be as small as possible, the fence pickets should be the smaller 5/8-inch-wide variety, the pickets should not extend to the ground and should be installed flush with the bottom rail, and wrought iron fencing would require too much maintenance after installation. Spadoni suggested that the Village have a 16-foot section of the proposed fence installed along the lakefront so residents can see the fence prior to the next time the issue is voted on in a referendum. Mike Kersch and Chris White, fence manufacturing and sales representatives, stated that a sample section would cost the Village about \$2,000 to install. Kersch and White also stated that the \$120 per foot cost estimate for the total price of the fence with 3/4-inch pickets would be reduced to \$100 per foot for the fence with 5/8-inch pickets. A wrought iron fence would cost approximately the same, with the exception that it would cost more for the areas where the terrain undulates, and there would be ongoing post-installation maintenance costs. Kersch suggested that if the Village proposes to install stone pillars throughout the fencing, the pillars should be about 30 to 40 feet apart. The group was in consensus that the stone pillars only should be used as corner stones for the fencing. The group also was in consensus that the proposed fencing should be 4-feet-high, black steel, with three rails, 5/8-inch-thick pickets flush on the top and bottom (two bars on the top and one on the bottom), and the posts located eight feet apart.

Adjournment

Lakefront and Harbor Committee member Snyder/ Lakefront and Harbor Committee member Bikowski 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn with the meeting at 6:58 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Park Commissioner Treptow/Commissioner O'Brien 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn with the meeting at 6:58 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 and Park Commission the official minutes will be on file at the Village Hall.

APPROVED: 10/18/06 – Park Commission