

**VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE**

Walworth County, WI

**Lakefront and Harbor Committee**

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm on September 21, 2016 by Chairman Rick Pappas.

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

**Committee Member Absent:** Bob Chanson

**Also Present:** Darrell Frederick, Administrator Dennis Martin, Trustee Tom Whowell

**Visitors Heard**

None

**General Business**

**Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held August 24, 2016**

Snyder/Eakright 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the minutes from August 24, 2016 as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**457 N. Lakeshore Drive Rip-Rap Project Application Submitted by Steve Beers**

A Building Permit application was submitted by Steve Beers for a rip-rap project at 457 N. Lakeshore Drive. An application has also been submitted to the DNR and is currently under review.

Snyder/Bikowski 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the rip-rap project application filed for the property at 457 N. Lakeshore Drive, as submitted with the conditions that any necessary approvals are received from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and that an as-built survey is submitted upon completion. The MOTION carried without negative vote. Steve Beers abstained.

**Glenwood Springs Association Lift Station Small Beach Storage Proposal**

Pappas provided history on the request for the Glenwood Springs Association to store some of its boat lifts on the small beach for the winter season. The previous owner of 404 Harvard Avenue allowed the Glenwood Springs Association members to store a portion of their boat lifts on his yard. The property was purchased in 2014 and the new owner does not allow storage of boat lifts on his property. Since the association found out late in the season in 2014, the Village approved storage of the boat lifts for one year so the association could plan for new arrangements in following years. There were no requests for storage of boat lifts on Village property last year because of bridge construction. Bikowski who is a member of the Glenwood Springs Association stated that Frank Sottrel, the owner of 404 Harvard Avenue, required the Village to move the driveway located on his property that employees use to gain access to the small Village for grooming services, and although a portion of the driveway also crosses the property owned by Glenwood Springs, the association has not requested that the Village move it. Pappas stated that Fontana Shores and the Indian Hills Association have asked to use the same area for storage and have been denied and it would not be fair to allow one association without allowing the others. Other associations store their lifts at Duck Pond which is an alternative, however, more expensive option. After lengthy discussion and viewing aerial GIS maps, the committee deferred the decision to the Village Board.

Snyder/Beers 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to defer to the Village Board for a final decision on whether to allow Glenwood Springs Association to store their boat lifts on the small beach, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **New Village Pier Addition Update**

Martin stated the original plan to finish off exchanging the buoys for pier slips was to eliminate the last seven buoys by adding four pier slips to Pier No. 4 and three pier slips to Pier No. 3. The current layout of the piers has cause some congestion between the new pier and Pier No. 3 so instead of adding the "T", Darrell Frederick and Austin Pier Service will add two slips to Pier No. 3 and install another slip on the south side of the new pier No. 2, closest to shore. Kevin Kirkland who rents the Lake Geneva Marine building will give the Village one of his current two slips in exchange for the last slip closest to shore. There was discussion about people hanging out on the new pier having picnics or fishing off the end causing strife for slip renters trying to get to their boat. Snyder suggested posting signage that bans fishing during certain daytime hours.

### **2017 Budget Planning**

Frederick submitted a proposal in the amount of \$6,403 to perform rip-rap stone work on the south side of the channel to extend 40-feet west from the last project. The committee recommended applying for a longer term approval from the DNR in the event the project does not make the budget this year. Frederick stated the approvals are for two-years but he can request a one-year extension; he could also request a longer permit time during the application process. The other updated proposal presented by Austin Pier Service is for annual removal and install of the Village piers and boat lifts through 2019. The total amount for the removal this year and installation next spring is \$37,705, which includes the new pier and new slips and the elimination of the 27 village buoys. The Abbey Harbor Association has requested the installation of fenders/bumpers under the lakefront bridge because the fluctuating pattern created by the orientation of the steel piling can create a nuisance for boaters in the Geneva Lake channel. Frederick presented a proposal for the fenders/bumpers at the last monthly meeting in the amount of \$4,812. Trustee Whowell was in attendance and asked if the committee would support contributing \$10,000 towards his proposal to build bathrooms in Pioneer Park. Since the amount the Village can charge for the launch fee increases if there is a bathroom on premise, the committee members felt it was appropriate to contribute to the bathrooms. All committee members were in favor of all the proposed budgeted items and when asked to prioritize it was stated that if need-be, the rip-rap project could wait until next year. There was also a short discussion on whether the Abbey should be required to pay a portion of the fenders/bumpers since it would only benefit the members of the Abbey Harbor.

Snyder/Bikowski 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend to the Finance Committee the three items for the 2017 budget as presented, and the updated proposal submitted by Austin Pier Service for the installation and the removal of the village piers, slips and ramps. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **Set Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date was scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, 2016 beginning at 4:00 pm.

### **Adjournment**

Snyder/Chanson 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Theresa Loomer, 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: 2/22/17