

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee
Wednesday, September 24, 2014
(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:30 pm on September 24, 2014 by Chairman David Prudden.

Committee Members Present: Trustee Dave Prudden, Lee Eakright, Ed Snyder, Steve Beers, Joel Bikowski, Don Holst

Committee Member Absent: Bob Chanson

Also Present: Darrell Frederick, Marc Jensen, Administrator Dennis Martin, Trustee Rick Pappas, Jamie Whowell, Tom Whowell

Visitors Heard

Tom Whowell requested that the committee review the procedures for lakefront summer issues that were discussed at previous meetings and consider endorsing the official adoption of the procedures by next May. Tom Whowell stated that the list of enforcement guidelines should be adopted and instituted by the police department, with the goal of having all the officers on the same page. Whowell stated that there were many incidents this past summer that should have been avoided, and the adoption and institution of an operating policy will help foster a better atmosphere for visitors, residents and the businesses. Whowell stated that with the village currently commencing with 2015 budget planning, the necessity for police officers to patrol the lakefront on foot may no longer be necessary on all weekend nights. Whowell stated that the number of patrons at the bars on weekend nights has been declining in recent years and the salary expenses for foot patrol officers could be reduced. Prudden stated that the committee will follow up on the issues. Steve Beers stated that with regard to one of the concerns mentioned by Tom Whowell, the areas where the curbs were recently painted yellow on the lakefront, staff should follow up on an area on Bay View that was painted. Martin stated Greg Blizzard reported that a yellow kayak was left on a pier, and there are no Village mooring lease records that identify the kayak; so the Police Department has placed it in storage. Blizzard also reported that launch activities continue to decline as usual in late summer, and staffing has reflected the decline.

General Business

Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held August 27, 2014

Snyder/Eakright 2nd made a MOTION to approve the August 27, 2014, minutes as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Glenwood Springs Request for Lift Station Winter Storage

Glenwood Springs Association Board member Marc Jensen requested permission to store about 17 of its boat lifts on village property located immediately west of the Sottrel property at 404 Harvard Avenue from October through May. Jensen stated that the association has 35 lifts and 18 of them can be stored as usual on association property; however, the association no longer has permission to store the other 17 lifts on the Sottrel property. The committee members pointed out that the Fontana Shores Association asked for permission to store its lifts on Village lakefront property, and that request was denied. Prudden stated that if the village were to approve it for one association, it would have to approve it for all the associations. Joel Bikowski stated that the Glenwood association has the first piece of property on the lakefront past the Village beach, and there is only room to store half of its lifts on that property. Bikowski stated that Ray O'Connell only has employee manpower, and not a crane or lift, to remove and store the shore stations for the winter season, and one year would help Glenwood resolve the issue until new arrangements can be planned and approved by the association. Martin stated that the staff has made preliminary

plans to install a new beach access road adjacent to the Sottrel property in case an agreement can't be negotiated for the Village to continue to use the existing gated driveway on the Sottrel parcel. The agreement the Village had with the former owners was terminated with the sale of the property. Martin stated that the new road would be in the area proposed by the Glenwood association to store its lifts. Following discussion on the current situation at the lakefront where the three parcels meet in an irregular fashion, the committee reached the consensus that it would recommend Village Board approval for the association to store the lifts on the village property for one winter season. The committee directed staff to work with Jensen to prepare an exhibit to depict the area where the lifts will be stored if authorized by the Village Board.

Snyder/Holst 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Glenwood Springs Association request to store from October 2014 through May 2015 a maximum of 20 of its boat lifts on Village lakefront property located to the west of the current driveway on the Sottrel property at 404 Harvard Avenue, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Gage Marine Pier Lease Renewal

Martin stated that he has not received any input from Gage Marine regarding the renewal of the lease, which expires December 31, 2014. The current lease fee is \$3,937.44 for the use of 60 feet on the north and south sides of Pier No. 1. The item was tabled at last month's meeting.

New Pier Planning to Swap Buoys for Slips

Martin stated that staff has been requested to ask the committee to consider undertaking half the project to install a new pier this year, and the other half next year, in an attempt to have some of the new slips available for the 2015 season; and prior to the Wisconsin DNR changing its current policy that allows for exchanging approved buoys for pier slips. Martin stated that staff is recommending the finalization of the preliminary plans for a new pier and the commencement of the permitting process, which would also alleviate the concern of the DNR changing its current policies. Darrell Frederick stated that if the village receives the required DNR permits, it has several years to install the new pier even if the DNR changes its current policies. Prudden stated that the subcommittee members also would like staff to poll the current mooring lease holders to determine how many of the current buoy holders would still like to lease buoys and how many would be interested in leasing a pier slip if one becomes available; to contact the exiting pier slip lease holders to determine how many would want to stay on their current slip and how many would be interested in leasing a proposed new, larger slip; and to poll the current pier slip waiting list members to determine how many would be interested in leasing one of the current slips if one opens, or one of the proposed new slips. Rick Pappas suggested that the committee consider a reconfiguration of the lakefront piers to have them run parallel to lakefront similar to piers in Williams Bay and Lake Geneva; with the slips installed east to west, instead of north to south. Snyder/Eakright 2nd made a MOTION to authorize staff to work with Darrell Frederick at Austin Pier Service to formalize the preliminary plans and to complete and file the required Wisconsin DNR permit applications for the construction and installation of a new 200-foot pier between the current Pier No. 1 and Pier No. 2 in front of the Lake Geneva Marine building, with 22 boat slips, 26-feet in length, as presented at the September 27, 2014 Lakefront and Harbor Committee meeting. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, October 22, 2014, at 4:00 pm.

Adjournment

Snyder/Beers 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:56 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: 10/22/14