

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

**Lakefront and Harbor Committee**  
Wednesday, September 25, 2013  
**(Official Minutes)**

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:30 pm on September 25, 2013 by Chairman Rick Pappas.

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

**Committee Member Absent:** Don Holst

**Also Present:** Director of Streets Ron Adams, Jade Bolack, Administrator/Treasurer Kelly Hayden, Clerk Dennis Martin

**Visitors Heard**

None

**General Business**

**Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held August 28, 2013**

Snyder/Eakright 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the August 28, 2013 minutes as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Village Launch Ramp Report**

Launch ramp employee Greg Blizard submitted the following report on the village launch activity through September 25th: "Launch activities are declining this month as expected. Last Sunday morning, a fishing club or clubs held a fishing contest. Our parking lot was half filled before the morning person came on duty. Reportedly both Linn and Williams Bay's lots were already filled by that time. Had we had prior knowledge, we would have staffed accordingly instead of calling an off duty person at the last minute to help out. The club(s) name was unknown." Hayden stated that Village staff held a planning meeting earlier in the day with the organizers of the annual Blackhawk Chapter's Antique & Classic Boat Show at the Abbey, which is being held September 27 to 29, 2013. Blizard also reported that he was informed that DNR officials were at Gordy's the other day informing them of the agency's intent to enforce weed and water regulations for boats being taken out the lake. Snyder stated that the DNR enforcement officials stopped at Gordy's, Jerry's and the Abbey Marina earlier in the week and talked to employees at the launches about the DNR requirements that every boat that is pulled out of the water must have all its plugs removed and drained, the motor has to be flushed out, and seaweeds and other aquatic plants and animals have to be washed off the hulls. Snyder stated that the DNR officials indicated that boaters who do not complete all the required tasks before pulling their boats out of the water could receive fines. Snyder stated that he will provide copies of the information provided by the DNR officials to the Village staff.

**2014 Budget Planning – Arber Surf Rake; Rip Rap Project on South Side of Channel**

Pappas stated that the proposed project to extend the rip rap stone work on the south side of the Abbey channel by 40 feet further to the west was approved for the 2014 budget by the committee at last month's meeting for an amount not to exceed \$6,000. Austin Pier Service, Inc., submitted a proposal totaling \$6,000 for the project. Pappas stated that the other item being proposed for the 2014 budget that is lakefront related is a \$39,550 Arber Surf Rake; however, the item is not really a Lakefront and Harbor Committee budget item. Pappas stated that the beach rake was in last year's initial budget but was one of the "big ticket" items that got removed before the final budget was approved. Director of Streets Ron Adams stated that the surf rake would enable the DPW crew to remove all the seaweed off the beach, as well as sift out the rocks and compact the sand.

Adams stated that the DPW can no longer use its loader to scoop up the seaweed and it has become a time consuming project. Adams stated that Lake Geneva has purchased surf rakes and currently has the Arber model, which the Village of Fontana has borrowed a couple times. Adams stated that equipment is pulled by a small tractor and it will last for 10 to 15 years if the DPW keeps it well maintained. Pappas stated that the committee could recommend that the rake be included in the 2014 budget, but it could get pulled again when it comes down to making cuts to balance the budget.

Chanson/Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend that the purchase of the Arber Surf Rake, for approximately \$39,550, be included in the 2014 budget, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

#### **Dive Club Clean Up Effort Proposal for Geneva Lake Bed in October**

Hayden stated that a group of volunteer divers from the Lockwood Pioneer and Scuba Diving Museum who were in the Village about five years ago again would like permission to conduct an event on the Fontana Municipal Beach. Pappas asked if the group needed to apply for and obtain a Park Permit, and Hayden stated that technically the event would need a Park Permit; however, since it is being proposed for Sunday, October 20, 2013 from 10:00 am to Noon, and the beach is officially closed after Labor Day, the permitting process could be expedited. The divers search for and recover trash, beer bottles, cans, debris and other items from the bottom of the lake. Adams stated that he will supply the group with a garbage collection receptacle or Dumpster on the day of the event. As far as using the beach house, Adams stated that the DPW crew may have to winterize the building prior to the event date if there is a chance of freezing temperatures. If the building is winterized, the beach house restrooms will be unavailable. Also, there is no grilling allowed on the beach, as requested, so the group will have to have it awards event or at least its grill(s) in Reid Park and not on the beach. The group also will be advised to contact the Geneva Lake Law Enforcement Agency to solicit boat patrol services, or the Geneva Lake Water Safety Patrol.

Snyder/Chanson 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend approval of the Lockwood Pioneer and Scuba Diving Museum event on the municipal beach on Sunday, October 20, 2013, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

#### **Set Next Meeting Date**

The next monthly meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at 4:30 pm

#### **Adjournment**

Beers/Chanson 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Dennis 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: 10/30/2013