

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE

Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm on September 30, 2015 by Chairman Rick Pappas.

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

Committee Member Absent: Bob Chanson, Don Holst

Also Present: Clerk Theresa Linneman, Administrator Dennis Martin, Larry Quist

Visitors Heard

An email was distributed from Launch Ramp manager Greg Blizzard detailing the September launch activity. He writes that Labor Day was unusually busy due to the pleasant weather and with most staff gone, the police did an excellent job with traffic control for both Labor Day and during the Abbey Marina antique boat show.

General Business

Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held August 26, 2015

Snyder/Bikowski 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes from August 26, 2015 as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Pier Permit Replacement Application filed by Dr. Robert Youngquist (Pier Docktors), 573 N. Lakeshore Drive

A building permit application was filed to construct a new pier at 573 N. Lakeshore Drive. The submittal did not include a certified survey as required by Chapter 54 of the Village Code. Pappas said the required survey would be discussed more in-depth under the Chapter 54 Ordinance Review agenda item. Zoning Code Specialist Bridget McCarthy indicated in her review the new pier might not be located in the same location as the existing pier and a certified survey was not submitted, but all other requirements had been met. Quist distributed a site plan which depicts the lot lines using the knitter method and stated that the plan is to scale. According to Quist, the new pier will be larger than the old dock, but the required 12.5-foot setback distance from the lot lines and all other guidelines have been met.

Snyder/Bikowski 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the pier permit replacement application as filed by Pier Docktors for the property owned by Dr. Robert Youngquist at 573 N. Lakeshore Drive, contingent on final DNR approval of the application, and with the condition that an as-built survey is filed with the Village. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Indian Hills Mooring Review

Pappas presented a report on the Indian Hills Association Designated Mooring Area issued by the building and zoning office on August 31, 2015. The currently approved DMA calls for 27 ramps that are 5-feet-wide, and 16 ramp spaces for personal watercrafts, for a total of 43 ramp spaces. On August 31, 2015, an association representative reported the DMA currently features 24 PWC on ramps and lifts and 24 non-motorized watercraft on ramps, or a total of 48 ramp spaces.

Pappas suggested village staff send Indian Hills Association a notice of violation and warn the association there are five more water crafts than what is allowed for in the approved DMA.

Snyder/Eakright 2nd made a MOTION to direct Building and Zoning Department staff to send a Notice of non-compliance regarding the approved designated mooring area to the Indian Hills Association Post Office Box, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Village Launch Fees Increase Proposal

Martin reported the state DNR increased the daily admission fees for the state parks by \$1 for next year, so the municipality could increase the boat launch rates by the same rate. Per DNR regulations, fees for non-residents may not exceed 150 percent of the fee charged a resident for boats that exceed 20 feet in length. The proposed launch fee schedule was distributed. The amounts proposed amounts reflect a \$1 increase for the daily fees and \$10 for a season launch pass in each category for village residents. The non-motorized or non-trailerated season pass would be \$85; boats less than 20-feet in length will be \$112.50; boats 20-feet but less than 26-feet will be \$135, and a boat 26-feet but less than 30-feet will be \$147.50 if the fee schedule is approved. Rates for non-residents will increase the same amount as a resident for a non-motorized or non-trailerated boat and for boats less than 20-feet in length. For non-resident season passes, proposed rates increase the fee by 150 percent, which for boats 20-feet but less than 26-feet will be \$202.50, and for boats 26-feet but less than 30-feet the fee will be increased to \$235. Snyder/Eakright 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of an increase in the Village boat launch rates as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Chapter 54 Ordinance Review

A certified survey is currently required for all pier permit applications per village ordinance section 54-86(b); however, since the committee and Village Board typically waives the requirement, Pappas suggested modifying the ordinance to require that a site plan drawn to scale be required. He said the committee is aware when a survey is needed due to circumstances like unclear lot lines or riparian rights, but they are expensive and often unnecessary in most situations. He suggested the ordinance replace the required certified survey with a site plan to scale and should reflect that a survey may be required at the discretion of the Lakefront & Harbor Committee, if necessary. The as-built survey will still be required upon completion of the project. Snyder/Eakright 2nd made a MOTION to direct staff to revise ordinance 54-86 to remove the requirement of a certified survey, unless directed by the Lakefront and Harbor Committee, and replace it with a site plan to scale, and present it at the next Village Board meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2015 beginning at 4:00 pm.

Adjournment

Eakright/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:18 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Theresa Linneman, 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: 10/28/15