

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE

Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm on October 22, 2014 by Chairman David Prudden.

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

Committee Members Absent: Bob Chanson, Lee Eakright

Also Present: Clerk Theresa Linneman, Administrator Dennis Martin, Trustee Rick Pappas, Tom Whowell

Visitors Heard

Martin stated an email was received from Greg Blizard regarding launch activity since the last meeting. As expected, staffing at the launch ended as of October 15, 2014. Blizard also noted a few observations from the antique boat show held the last weekend in September at the Abbey Harbor. Turnout was larger than expected and there was miscommunication about where attendees and exhibitors could park. Some stated they were directed by show people to park in the village lots; however, permission was never given by the village. These circumstances caused Blizard to bring in an extra person to monitor traffic and parking.

General Business

Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held September 24, 2014

Snyder/Beers 2nd made a MOTION to approve the September 24, 2014, minutes as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

DNR Permit Application for New Pier Proposal

Martin stated that Darrell Frederick of Austin Pier Service offered to add the proposed addition plans for the other two lakefront piers to the application that he is drafting and filing with the Wisconsin DNR to authorize the installation of the new pier in front of the village's Lake Street marina building being leased to Kevin Kirkland. Martin stated that the additional work by Frederick and additional approval from the DNR will not cost any extra funds; and the village will have up to three years to undertake the projects if they are issued DNR permits. In a related matter, Martin stated that staff has not yet been able to contact the current Village mooring lease holders to solicit their interest in leasing one of the new pier slips.

Plunkett Pier Permit Application – Extension Plan

Since being tabled at the August 4, 2014 Village Board meeting, Martin stated that Hugh Plunkett has filed the Village application and several of the required documents; however, the building inspector's review of the application includes some concerns. Nyman's report states that the pier extension proposal is for a 28-foot pier extension, not 20 feet as previously reported. Nyman's report also states the submitted site plan does not show dimensions, does not show the extended lot line or knitter method of riparian rights/lot line measurement, and is not signed by a registered surveyor. A construction plan of the pier extension by Lakeway Pier Service was submitted; however, the submitted site plan indicates a "canopy" that is located on the east side of the existing pier. The location of the "canopy" appears to be an encroachment in the riparian rights area. Nyman recommended approval of the application with the conditions the apparent riparian rights encroachments for the proposed canopy location are addressed; a survey prepared by a registered surveyor indicating the existing pier and proposed extension as well as riparian rights is filed; and that an accurate and descriptive construction plan is provided by the applicant. Pier

permit application approvals also contain the usual staff suggested condition that an as-built survey is filed.

Snyder/Beers 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Pier Permit application filed by Hugh Plunkett, 1056 South Lakeshore Drive, for a pier extension plan out to 28 feet with the conditions that the apparent riparian rights encroachments for the proposed canopy location are addressed; a survey prepared by a registered surveyor indicating the existing pier and proposed extension as well as riparian rights is filed; that an accurate and descriptive construction plan is provided by the applicant; and that an as-built survey is filed. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Mooring and Slow/No Wake Buoys Permitting Request – Geneva Lake Use Committee

Mooring and slow-no-wake buoys were a topic presented at the most recent Geneva Lake Use Committee (GLUC) meeting concerning buoys that are further than 150 feet out from the shore. It was noted in the GLUC minutes that DNR Warden Juan Gomez was recently involved in moving numerous buoys to their proper positions which enhanced traffic movement and safety, but several mooring buoys still remain beyond the allowed 150-foot-mark. It is the homeowners' responsibility to ensure the buoys are registered and legally located. After discussion, the committee members agreed homeowners should receive a warning letter and be informed of the local ordinances and DNR permitting requirements. Once notified, police will have greater authority to address illegally placed and unregistered buoys.

Snyder/Bikowski 2nd made a MOTION to direct Village staff to contact lakefront property owners and give them adequate notice regarding permitting and placement requirements for slow-no-wake and mooring buoys, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Fly Boarding Ordinance Request – Geneva Lake Use Committee

A motion came from the Geneva Lake Use Committee to draft and adopt a common ordinance to require fly boarding to only be undertaken outside the slow-no-wake buoys in the traffic lane of the lake. Holst stated safety is the main concern and fly boarding is dangerous if done too close to shore. Trustee Rick Pappas suggested the Geneva Lake Use Committee draft the common language that can be adopted by all the Geneva Lake municipalities.

Snyder/Holst 2nd made a MOTION to request that the Geneva Lake Use Committee draft the proposed ordinance language for regulating fly boarding on Geneva Lake, and to bring back the proposal for Lakefront and Harbor Committee consideration, and the MOTION passed without negative vote.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, November 19, 2014, at 4:00 pm.

Adjournment

Beers/Bikowski 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:32 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: 03/25/15