

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
Walworth County, WI

Local Business Committee
Thursday, June 14, 2012
(Official Minutes)

The Local Business Committee meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm on June 14, 2012 by Chairman George Spadoni.

Committee Members Present: Trustee George Spadoni, Maryanne Bruss-Coffee Mill, Renee Cerny-Frontier Flowers, John Karabas-Pie High Pizza, and Pete Novak-Novak's

Committee Member Absent: Eric Hurkman-Fontana Jeweler

Also Present: Todd Baior, Rallee Chupich, Steve Fairchild, Village Clerk Dennis Martin, Assistant Zoning Administrator Bridget McCarthy, Police Chief Steve Olson, Sherry Ostrowski, Trustee Rick Pappas, Tom Whowell

General Business

Lake Street Closure Evaluation

Spadoni stated that Jack Brown of Chuck's Lakeshore Inn requested the agenda item; however, he was not able to attend the meeting. Spadoni stated that he will discuss the situation with Brown and the item should be tabled in the meantime. Tom Whowell stated that Lake Street has been closed from Friday evening through Sunday evening and on holidays throughout the summer season since the 1970s. As well as being pedestrian friendly, Tom Whowell stated that the closing of Lake Street to traffic is a safety precaution.

Karabas/Bruss 2nd made a MOTION to table the item, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Ordinance for Outdoor Seating Area

Spadoni stated that the Village attorney's office reviewed the preliminary draft of the proposed ordinance amendment to allow for outdoor service of alcohol at all the local restaurants and some amendments were made to the distributed document. Spadoni stated that provisions for "Class C" wine license holders to serve wine to outdoor diners also need to be incorporated into the draft amendment. Bruss asked if the allowable serving hours were going to be proposed to end at 9:00 or 10:00 pm. Following discussion, a consensus was reached that the sale of alcohol to outdoor diners should end at 9:00 pm and that the outdoor service areas must be closed no later than one hour after alcohol sales have ended. The committee also directed an amendment to the draft ordinance that all refuse in the outdoor service areas must be removed within one hour of the closing of the area. An amendment to Section 6-21(b)i. was directed to point out the exception in Section 6-21(b)viii., which states that businesses on Lake Street would be allowed to serve alcohol on the east side of Lake Street if a separate serving station is established and no alcohol is consumed and/or carried onto Lake Street. The committee members also directed a change to the draft ordinance amendment to have an initial trial period run until November 15, 2012 and to delete the dates for the following season clause and instead just state: "After that time the Village Board will retain the right to allow outdoor dining and alcohol consumption for the future seasons."

Bruss/Cerny 2nd made a MOTION to have staff amend the proposed ordinance amendment to Section 6-21(b) of the Municipal Code as directed, and to refer the proposed ordinance amendment to the Protection Committee and Lakefront and Harbor Committee for a recommendation prior to Village Board consideration at its monthly meeting scheduled for Monday, July 9, 2012. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Application for Outdoor Seating Area

Spadoni stated that the Village attorney review of the proposal indicated that an application and a village permit are not needed if public sidewalks are not being used. Spadoni stated that the application distributed by McCarthy will work well if it is needed.

Chapters 17/18 Public Hearing Announcement – Monday, August 6, 2012, 6:00 PM

Spadoni stated that the public hearing to present the rewritten Chapters 17 and 18 of the Municipal Code and the new Zoning Map has been scheduled and the draft documents are available for review at the Village Hall and on the Village website. McCarthy suggested that a “Visitors Heard” section be added to the committee agendas to allow for people to bring issues or proposals to the committee’s attention. Steve Olson stated that the committee may want to make marketing and promotional plans for the local businesses for the second ZOOMA event to be hosted in the Village by the Abbey Resort on Saturday, October 20, 2012. Pete Novak stated that last year McCarthy did a great job coordinating local marketing information into gift bags that were distributed at the inaugural ZOOMA event. Novak stated that he and Geri Whowell manned a table that the Abbey Resort allowed them to set up and they provided information on the local businesses to ZOOMA participants.

Fourth of July Parking – Employee Parking Announcement for Village Hall and Travel Agency

The Village Hall parking lot will again be available for local employees to park on the Fourth of July holiday, and Geri Whowell has also allowed the use of the parking lot at Geneva Lakes Travel in the past for parking on Fourth of July.

Adjournment

Following discussion, Martin was directed to schedule the next committee meeting for Thursday, June 28, 2012 beginning at 5:00 pm in the Village Hall Conference Room.

Cerny/Bruss 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Village Clerk Dennis Martin

Note: These minutes are subject to further editing. Once approved by the Local Business Committee, the official minutes will be kept on file at the Village Hall.

APPROVED: 11/20/2012