

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
(Official Minutes)

The virtual monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm on February 17, 2021 by Chairman Pappas.

Committee Members Present: Steve Beers, Bob Chanson, Don Holst, Trustee Rick Pappas, Ed Snyder
Committee Members Absent: Joel Bikowski, Lee Eakright
Also Present: Jeff Cates, Darrell Frederick, Pat Kenny, Theresa Loomer

Visitors Heard
None

General Business

Approval of Minutes for December 17, 2020 Meeting

Beers/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes for the December 17, 2020 meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Fly Hovercraft Request to Operate at Lakefront

Bill Zang from Fly Hovercraft spoke to staff regarding the company's interest in providing Hovercraft rides at Fontana's lakefront. The committee expressed opposition to the request and questioned whether the village could regulate a business operating on the lake. If the organization were to launch hovercrafts from the municipal launch, they would be subject to obtaining a Commercial Launch Permit. There was discussion about the amount of noise the hovercrafts would bring and Chief Cates stated both the Village and the Lake Use Committee have noise ordinances in place. President Kenny asked why they would be leaving Lake Geneva and coming to Fontana when there are more people and tourists at the east end of the lake. Loomer stated that during her phone call with Mr. Zang, he stated they had an agreement with Gordy's to operate off their pier, but Ed Snyder clarified there is no endorsement or agreement between Gordy's and Fly Hovercraft.

Chanson/Beers 2nd made a MOTION to deny the Fly Hovercraft request to operate on Fontana's lakefront, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Floating Kayak Pad – Fontana Shores

Fontana Shores Association has proposed installing a 16' x 16' launch pad next to the location of the PWC's. Darrell Frederick, from Austin Pier Service, stated the launch pad will have four posts and the DNR does not require a permit. Snyder stated there will be no permanent moorings and the pad will solely be used to launch kayaks. Additionally, the structure would be well within any setbacks.

Beers/Holst 2nd made a MOTION to memorialize the addition of a 16' by 16' floating kayak pad to be used solely for loading and unloading (per diagram) for the Fontana Shores Association with no other changes to the pier configuration or the number of approved moorings. The MOTION carried without negative vote. Snyder recused himself from voting.

Discuss Use of Composite Material for Municipal Piers

At the December meeting, the committee directed staff to obtain a quote from Frederick for annual replacement/repairs using composite material rather than lumber and recommend approval of a cost up to an additional 20%. The revised quote for the composite material was much higher than 20%. Frederick stated that if the village chooses to transition to composite material, a cost-benefit would be realized

eventually, but it is very costly up-front. Frederick stated there is a 30-year guarantee and the planks are a wood grain nonslip surface that do not need to be painted, therefore saving money in replacement, painting, and labor costs. He stated they are not as structurally sound, require additional center strips, take more time to install and remove, and must be stored very precisely. The committee discussed using composite materials only for areas that need to be repaired, or through replacing one pier at a time. Frederick stated he would require dimensions of the piers and would provide the committee with an estimated cost.

GLLEA Boat Mooring Update

Earlier in the day the Village Board approved a sublease between GLLEA and Kevin Kirkland for the Lake Geneva Marine building. GLLEA will have two police boats moored on Pier No. 1 close to shore.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 4:00 pm.

Adjournment

Snyder/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:31 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Theresa Loomer, Administrator/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: 04/28/21