

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE

Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

(Official Minutes)

The meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm on January 31, 2024 by Chairman Pappas.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Rick Pappas, Don Holst, Trustee Tom Marek, Joel Bikowski

Committee Members Absent: Bob Chanson, Steve Beers

Also Present: Theresa Loomer, Drew Lussow, Tai Thompson (Geneva Lake Conservancy), Ed Snyder (via phone)

Visitors Heard

None

General Business

Approval of January 31, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Trustee Pappas had suggested a few edits be made to the preliminary minutes and then they would be good for approval.

Bikowski/Trustee Marek 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes with the suggested edits for the January 31, 2024 meeting, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Keep it Blue Program Presentation Presented by Tai Thompson of the Geneva Lake Conservancy

Tai Thompson from the Geneva Lake Conservancy presented the Keep it Blue Campaign. Mrs. Thompson explained the program is a pledge that is made by homeowners and residents along the Lake to do their best to eliminate the use of fertilizer and pesticides on their property near the lakefront and ultimately prevent any harmful waste or chemicals from entering the lake. Once the homeowner/resident signs the pledge the Geneva Lake Conservancy brings them a sign to display on their property to show they are in support of the Keep it Blue campaign. Mrs. Thompson stated that this program is free to join, and they are currently advertising it now in their newsletter. Mrs. Thompson also mentioned that they are seeking more involvement and ways to bring this campaign to businesses and pier owners. The Geneva Lake Conservancy is also seeking to put up a permanent sign at the municipal pier or beach to make visitors and tourists aware to help keep our lake clean. The Lakefront Committee thanked Mrs. Thompson for her presentation and asked her to bring back more specifics regarding the signs they would like to display down at the piers potentially and to come back to a future meeting with the specific locations and size of the signs.

Update and Discussion or Action on ADA Access Ramp

Administrator Loomer explained that she reached out to the resident who initially made the request for the ramp and invited him to this month's meeting. She mentioned that the resident explained to her that they are wheelchair bound and have difficulty making it to places but that they would try to attend the meeting. The resident did not make it to the meeting, so Administrator Loomer asked the Committee how they would like to proceed with the request.

Holst/Trustee Marek 2nd made a MOTION to table this agenda item indefinitely until the resident can attend and address the Committee's concerns with the ramp, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Fontana Shores Request to Move Location of Ramp on Their Pier

Trustee Member Marek and Member Snyder presented a request on behalf of Fontana Shores to move the

location of their current ramp on their pier to the other side. They explained the previous spot would then remain empty and that the new spot would be safer and easier to launch kayaks and other non-motorized watercrafts from. Chairman Trustee Pappas raised a question based on the map provided regarding setbacks. He stated since the setback is shown to be within 15 feet of the 12.5 riparian setback, they are required to provide a survey. Chairman Trustee Pappas however did mention that in the meantime they could memorialize the request subject to what the survey map shows. Trustee Marek and member Snyder seemed to be in favor of that on behalf of Fontana Shores and will come back for a formal motion of approval upon having the survey completed.

Discussion or Action on Amendments to Chapter 54 Regarding Commercial Launches

Chairman Trustee Pappas explained that there is a need to add language to Chapter 54 of the Village's Code for a Contractor's Launch Fee. Chairman Trustee Pappas mentioned that they would need to define what a contractor's launch fee is as well as discuss potential fees if any. Administrator Loomer and Village Staff compiled some examples from other municipalities on the lake to help define such a fee. Based on the examples provided it would most likely cover those individuals or contractors who use the launches for materials such as for gravel, wood, and loading lifts for barges. The Lakefront Committee then discussed potential fees they might charge and currently the Commercial Launch fees are paid up front for 50 launches at a rate of approximately \$525.00. The committee discussed leaving the rate the same since it seems to be ok as is for now.

Trustee Marek/Holst 2nd made a MOTION to recommend to the Village Board the amending of Chapter 54 for the inclusion of language regarding a Contractor's Launch Fee at a flat rate of \$525.00, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

Adjournment

Holst/Trustee Marek 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:34 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Drew Lussow, 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: 04/24/2024