

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN
(Official Minutes)
SPECIAL MEETING of the VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Village President Pat Kenny called the virtual meeting of the Village Board to order at 1:00 pm.

Trustees Present by Phone: Roll call vote: Trustee Pappas, Trustee O'Neill, President Kenny, Trustee Livingston (1:08 pm), Trustee Petersen, Trustee McGreevy

Trustees Absent: Trustee Prudden

Also Present by Phone: Jeff Cates, Bob Chanson, Kevin Day, Theresa Loomer, Bob Moravacek, Cindy Wilson, Scott Vilona

General Business

Loomer expressed concern over the large crowds trying to gain access to the beach nearly every day of the week. Considering the amount of people in the area, the already limited staff is being stretched very thin and is having to spend a significant amount of time monitoring crowds and managing parking and disorderly situations that arise. In addition, once the beach has reached the maximum capacity, some visitors have become confrontational and disrespectful with the young beach staff. For the safety of staff and the public, Loomer recommended restricting access to the beach to residents and season passholders only. Concern was expressed from County Club Estates board members Scott Vilona and Trustee McGreevy about a possible increase of visitors at the Small Beach if the Big Beach is closed and how to monitor. Due to the recent construction at the Small Beach, the grassy area has remained fenced off and the shore path redirected to the gravel path. Glenwood Springs had voiced concerns about accessing their pier which was blocked by the fencing, and Kevin Day stated he could move the fence to prohibit access to the Small Beach from the shore path, but allow Glenwood Springs residents to access their pier. The board directed the Small Beach gate at the top of the hill to remain locked. There was discussion about procedures for monitoring people entering the Small Beach and whether to require beach passes for both beaches and whether a Village beach attendant should be stationed to check passes. Trustee McGreevy stated that because we are already well into the summer season, he did not think it was feasible to expect CCE residents to purchase season beach passes for this year and would be something to look into next year. There was also discussion about obtaining the same signage for both beaches and the process for contacting police if the CCE staff at the Small Beach run into problems with parking or disorderly groups.

Adjournment

Trustee O'Neill/Trustee Livingston 2nd made a MOTION at 1:16 pm to adjourn the meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Theresa Loomer, Village Administrator/Clerk

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APPROVED: 07/06/2020