

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE

Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm on July 24, 2019 by Chairman Pappas.

Committee Members Present: Joel Bikowski, Bob Chanson, Don Holst, Trustee Rick Pappas, Ed Snyder, Steve Beers, Lee Eakright

Also Present: Jeff Cates, Mike Goodman, Theresa Loomer, Stephanie Smith, Tom Whowell

Visitors Heard

None

General Business

Approval of Minutes for April 24, 2019

Chanson/Beers 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2019 meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Launch Update – Mike Goodman

Launch Manager Mike Goodman reported that launch numbers are down this year primarily due to weather and rain. He said the public works and police depts. have been very helpful in providing guidance and supplies including radios, signs, vests and paint. There has been a new initiative this year to keep employees off the pier and instead monitor the parking lot and control the flow of traffic, which has been met with some resistance but has advanced with the progression of the summer season as the staff and launchers become more familiar with the new expectations. The committee agreed the staff should stay off the pier unless there is an urgent matter and instead tend to the launch duties, traffic control and parking lot monitoring. There was also discussion about monitoring the wait time for the boats parked at Lake Street and Third Street and to make sure they are not blocking traffic or waiting in that area for an extended amount of time.

Commercial Launching Procedure

Goodman stated the commercial launching procedure has not been an issue and does not require direction. He stated the employees use their judgement and if the parking lot is full, they will allow a commercial launcher to skip ahead to launch, and let the other vehicles that are waiting know the reason (because they do not require a parking space).

Discuss Parking Fines at Lakefront Parking Lots

Two weekends ago, there were three cars parked in the trailer spaces in the boat trailer parking lot. The way the current ordinance is written, a ticket may only be issued once per day. Chief Cates recommended increasing the frequency in which a ticket can be given to once every two or four hours. There was lengthy discussion on whether to increase the frequency that a ticket can be written, whether to enforce a defined frequency and whether that frequency is two hours, four hours or to leave it undefined, whether to recommend that vehicles parked illegally be cited and towed and whether to create an ordinance specific to the boat trailer parking lot and create a new fine. The committee elected to amend ordinance Section 74-10 – Overtime parking with the following amendment: *No person shall park in a pay to park area without making the proper payment, nor shall any person park beyond the time limit specified. Enforcement shall monitor vehicles ~~no more than once an hour~~ and no more than one citation shall be issued to the same unmoved vehicle ~~daily~~ within a two hour period.*

Snyder/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of an amendment to Section 74-10, regarding overtime parking, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for August 28, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

Adjournment

Chanson/Trustee Pappas 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:51 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: