

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE

Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

(Final Minutes)

The meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm on July 26, 2023 by Chairman Pappas.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Rick Pappas, Don Holst, Bob Chanson, Ed Snyder (arrived at 4:30), Steve Beers

Committee Members Absent: Trustee Tom Marek, Joel Bikowski

Also Present: Austin Pier Service Inc. (Darrell Fredrick), Liz Baumann, Chief Cates, Tom Joyce, Theresa Loomer, Drew Lussow, Allison Schwark

Visitors Heard

None

General Business

Approval of June 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Chanson/Beers 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes for the June 28, 2023 meeting, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Discussion or Action on Austin Pier Service Invoice for Additional Repairs - \$5,317.83 – Tabled 6/28/23

Darrell Fredrick was in attendance on behalf of Austin Pier Service to explain the costs for the additional repairs that were made. Mr. Fredrick stated the additional work was on the launch pier which was not installed correctly about 20 years ago. Mr. Fredrick explained that the original company that was contracted to install the launch pier built it into the concrete and therefore the crib and poles couldn't be placed in the holes due to the sediment build up in the concrete. Mr. Fredrick then explained that he directed his team to blow out the build up to make room so that the poles could be properly put in and that is where the charge is from. He also mentioned that based on the repair invoice amount is how he calculates the "hauling junk" away amount for the invoice as well. Mr. Fredrick stated that he doesn't believe this will result in a yearly occurrence but it's hard to tell and can vary from year to year and might require a little work here and there. Committee Member Beers asked if there was any way to rectify this or place a new crib system in over the existing. Mr. Fredrick stated that it might be possible but would need to look into it more due to the strange nature of it being built into the concrete.

Chanson/Beers 2nd made a MOTION to recommend village board approval of the Austin Pier Service Invoice for additional repairs in the amount of \$5,317.83 as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Discussion or Action on Austin Pier Service Invoice for Installation - \$37,365.00 – Tabled 6/28/23

Darrell Fredrick was in attendance on behalf of Austin Pier Service to address any questions regarding the invoice for the pier installations. Chairman Pappas mentioned that this year there were a few piers that didn't make the installation deadline per the contract the Village has with Austin Pier Service. Mr. Fredrick stated that he understood and because of that has provided a breakdown of a payback system to the Committee of the 18 residents who were affected by the late installation and an approximate calculation of the value they would be owed based on the number of days late their pier was installed. Upon the Committee reviewing the calculation prepared by Austin they felt that some of the amounts to be refunded would not be worth time and postage. The Committee suggested that Austin amends the proration amount and increases it by 50% for a more substantial amount to be given to each lease holder

and to provide a reasonable deterrent from installing the piers late each year. Mr. Fredrick agreed to what was proposed and in addition offered to mail the checks out himself and also include a letter apologizing for the delay in installation.

Chanson/Beers 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval the invoice for installation of the piers in the amount of \$37,365.00 with Darrell Fredrick to disburse checks and an apology letter to residents who were affected by the late installation, as presented, and increase the refunds by 50%, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Discussion or Action on Commercial Launches

Committee Member Chanson was the first to speak on this topic and wanted to bring to the Committee's attention what he perceived as issues with the boat launch prioritizing commercial launches over regular launches. Launch Manager Tom Joyce spoke and addressed some of Chanson's concern by mentioning that the reason the commercial launches go first is because they usually have staff there and they can get in and out to help relieve some of the congestion from all the cars parked waiting to use the boat launch. Chanson understood this but also felt that the pricing should be the same for all instead of offering a "discount" for the commercial launches. Chairman Pappas explained that we do not offer a discount to commercial launches but that we offer seasonal rates for seasonal launches. Chanson still believed it would be more beneficial if everyone paid the same rate and opted that we eliminate the commercial launch fee and that all launches pay the local Fontana rate and made a motion to that effect.

Chanson/Holst 2nd made a MOTION to eliminate the commercial launch rate in favor of charging everyone the local Fontana launch rate for all launches, as presented, and the MOTION carried 4-1 with Member Beers opposed and with Trustee Marek and Member Bikowski not present.

Discussion or Action on Parking Rates, F-Sticker Rates, Beach Rates, Facility Rental Rates, and Commercial Launch Fees

Chairman Trustee Pappas stated that it is time to review parking rates, F-sticker rates, beach rates, facility rental rates, and commercial launch fees to determine whether they need to be adjusted. Member Chanson asked about the fees for parking tickets since he sees a lot of cars parked down at the designated parking areas but doesn't always see tickets on cars that don't have the proper F-sticker on them. Chief Cates stated that currently the citation is \$30.00 and can be levied against any violator every two hours. Chief Cates also mentioned the possibility of in the future potentially changing the sticker to a smaller version that can be placed on the back of vehicles instead to make it easier for our Community Service Officers to drive through the lots and see at a glance who has them and who doesn't. Cates also mentioned that it could lead to more tickets being written and more violators being cited due to the fact the Community Service Officers wouldn't have to get out of the vehicles every time to look at each car individually. Chanson liked that violators couldn't hold a spot all day and only be given one ticket but felt that the citation amount could be raised even higher as a further deterrent and asked for a motion to raise it to \$40.00. Chairman Pappas mentioned that it could be included in the motion but would like to include all raises or adjustments in one motion to make it easier for the record. Pappas then asked if anyone else had any suggestions or adjustments to be made for any of the mentioned areas. After some discussion amongst the Committee most of the Committee members agreed that they believe that the Big Foot Resident 12 years and over fee should be increased from \$60 to \$75.00 as well as a general 5% increase being made to all Facility Rental Rates rounded to the nearest \$5.00 to accommodate inflation and increases in goods and services for the facilities such as wood for the piers and other items used for repairs and installations. Everything else would remain the same for the upcoming year/season and be revisited again in the future.

Snyder/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to increase ticket citation rates for parking violations pertaining to F-Stickers from \$30.00 to \$40.00, increasing the season beach pass rates for Big Foot High School District Residents 12 years and over from \$60.00 to \$75.00, and a 5% increase to all Facility Rental Rates rounded to the nearest \$5 amount to accommodate inflation and other costs, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Discussion or Action on Review or Audit of Lakefront Property Owners Lakefront Usage

Committee Member Beers informed the Committee that he asked for this topic to be placed on the agenda. Member Beers stated that he felt it would be a good time to review the Lakefront Property Owners Lakefront Usage since he believes that it was last done when it was codified approximately 15 years ago. Chairman Pappas corrected Member Beers and mentioned that he believes that it wasn't ever actually codified and that it was just approved/agreed upon. Chairman Pappas did agree with Member Beers that this would be a good idea to review and get a current view of everything. Member Snyder brought up potential using a drone or even a helicopter to take photos of the lakefront to achieve an aerial view of the lake. The Committee felt that a drone would be cheaper and opted to make a motion to that effect.

Beers/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of an amount not to exceed \$750.00 to contract someone to take drone footage of the piers and the lakefront, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 4:00 pm.

Adjournment

Chanson/Beers 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 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: 1/31/2024