

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE

Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

(Final Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm on August 17, 2022 by Chairman Pappas.

Committee Members Present: Trustee Rick Pappas, Ed Snyder, Joel Bikowski, Bob Chanson

Committee Members Absent: Lee Eakright, Don Holst, Steve Beers

Also Present: Chief Cates, Tom Joyce, Theresa Loomer, Drew Lussow

Visitors Heard

None

General Business

Approval of June 22, 2022 Meeting

Snyder/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes for the June 22, 2022 meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Lakefront Manager Update on Launch and Beach Operations

Lakefront Manager Tom Joyce provided an update on the beach and launch operations. Joyce reported the launch has picked up a bit since the last meeting but expects things to start slowing down as this summer season comes to an end. He reiterated that the staff has been doing a great job, arriving on time for their shifts and using down time to keep the areas clean and free of debris. Joyce did make a recommendation to add a receptacle for cigarette butts that he finds and cleans up outside of the beach since no smoking is allowed on the beach and to add signage near beach for leashing of dogs or that they must be under control as the local requirement states when off leash. Lastly Joyce explained that the beach and launch continue to be fully staffed and Joyce then thanked the Police Department, the Village Hall staff, as well as a few other agencies that have help make this year run smoothly.

Austin Pier Service Contract 2022 - 2024

Trustee Pappas explained to the Lakefront Committee that the proposed pier contract for 2022-2024 is a 50% increase compared to the last contract that was signed.

Chanson/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the Austin Pier Service Contract for 2022-2024, as presented, with a total contract price of \$67,780, with repairs to be quoted in December, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

2022 Slip Lease Rates

Administrator Loomer stated that the Village approved a 5% increase last year for the slip lease rates. The Committee discussed the 50% increase to Austin Pier Service's contract and the increase to the slip lease rates that would be necessary to break even. Trustee Pappas stated he ran the calculations, and the lease rates would need to go up just over 13%. The committee discussed the numbers and agreed the increase should be 14% across the board to cover taxes and additional or emergency repairs that may come up.

Chanson/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of an increase of 14% across the board for 2023 Slip Lease Rates, as presented, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

2022 Beach Rates

Administrator Loomer stated the current daily admission rates of \$10 for an adult and \$5 for a child, and resident season pass rates of six for \$4 each and six additional for \$8 each have been imposed since

approximately 2017 (effective in 2018). After discussion amongst the committee members, they agreed to recommend a daily admission rate of \$12 for adults and \$6 for children; resident season pass rates of \$5 for the first six and \$10 for six additional; Big Foot High School rates of \$60 per pass, and non-resident season pass rate of \$120.

Snyder/Bikowski 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of a rate increase the daily beach pass rate to \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children and increase the resident rate to \$5.00 for the first six season passes and \$10.00 for the second six season passes and adjust the remainder of the beach rates for Big Foot High School and Non-Residents accordingly, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

2022 F Sticker Parking Spaces and Parking Rates

Administrator Loomer explained that there has been some confusion with Employee sticker parking and F-sticker parking for residents. Administrator Loomer stated that a map is typically handed out with the Employee stickers to mark the location of Lots No. 2 and 3 where employees with Employee stickers are allowed to park. However, there has been some confusion because the Employee stickers also have an “F” on them and several vehicles with Employee stickers have been ticketed for parking in the “F Sticker Only” parking stalls. To eliminate the confusion Loomer recommended using an “E” or “EMP” instead of an “F” for employee stickers. Staff will also create a better map and additional instructions for employees who receive parking passes. Chief Cates stated he has noticed in his patrols that a lot of short-term rentals and their guests are provided beach tags and parking stickers so it would be beneficial to crack down on this area because it results in loss of revenue for the Village if unchecked. The committee discussed using a more permanent adhesive on the F Stickers so they cannot easily be moved from vehicle to vehicle but leave the Employee (EMP) stickers static cling. Additionally, the committee recommended leaving the weekday parking rates at \$2.00 per hour but increasing the weekend and holiday rates to \$5.00 per hour. Snyder/Bikowski 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of a more adhesive resident F Sticker, modifying the employee stickers to “EMP”, and increasing the weekend and holiday parking rates to \$5.00 per hour. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

Adjournment

Snyder/Bikowski 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 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: 09/21/2022