

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee
Thursday, December 17, 2020
(Official Minutes)

The virtual monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm on December 17, 2020 by Chairman Pappas.

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

Committee Members Absent: Lee Eakright

Also Present: Skip Bliss, Jeff Cates, Tom Hausner, Pat Kenny, Mark Lillie, Theresa Loomer, Bob Morava

Visitors Heard

None

General Business

Approval of Minutes for September 23, 2020

Chanson/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2020 meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

GLA Proposal for Watercraft Cleaning Station

Bob Morava and Mark Lillie presented the CD Systems Educational Kiosk, a portable wash and vacuum system designed to clean watercraft and reduce the transfer of invasive species. Lillie said the effect is twofold and in addition to slowing the transfer of invasive species it will also have a billboard effect as it identifies invasive species and provides useful information to boaters. The unit is portable and can be used at different locations around the lake including the launches at Williams Bay, Linn, and Lake Geneva. Since there is minimal room at the Fontana boat ramp, there was discussion on the best place to locate the unit including next to the launch or in Parking Lot No. 4. In response to a question, Lillie stated the unit takes about a week to fill up and then via Bluetooth alerts the company which will come down and empty it. The unit will be owned by the Geneva Lake Environmental Agency and the Geneva Lake Association will host fundraising to raise money to purchase the unit. In addition, the Lake Geneva Conservancy has submitted a grant application, which if approved, will cover roughly half the cost of the unit. All costs related to storage, repairs, or updates will be the responsibility of GLEA. Skip Bliss asked how long it would take to clean a 23-foot boat and how effective the unit would be on a dry boat. Morava stated it would take about five minutes to clean the boat and is effective against seaweed, mollusks, etc. He stated the unit reaches 70 decibels which he described as a tolerable noise level. Pappas stated he is in favor of the idea and the item will come back later this spring to work out the details.

Austin Pier Service Quote for 2021 Repairs

A proposal for repairs was submitted in the amount of \$25,783.10. Snyder stated the cost of lumber has tripled since last year's proposal for services. There was discussion about using composite material for the decking rather than lumber, which might cost more, but is maintenance free and a return on investment would be seen within the first year. The committee directed Loomer to ask for a new estimate with replacing the lumber planks with composite planks and recommended approval of a cost up to 20% more than the original proposal.

Chanson/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the proposal submitted by Austin Pier Service in the amount of \$25,783.10 and up to an additional 20% to replace the lumber

planks with composite planks, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

GLLEA Boat Mooring Options

Pappas stated the Geneva Lake Law Enforcement Agency will be moving to Fontana in 2021 and renting a portion of the Lakefront Marine building. The initial plan to house the police boats is on Pier No. 1 with two slips on either side close to the shore. There was discussion about how the GLLEA ended up moving to Fontana and whether there are any other viable housing options for them around the lake. President Kenny stated the Village is not losing any revenue by placing the two slips on Pier No. 1, and added it is the shallow end of the pier where people do not park anyways and he views it as a good thing to have GLLEA at the lakefront and in a visible location. Pappas stated there are three long term options: house the boats on Pier No. 1 as proposed for 2021, build a short pier between Piers No. 2 and 3, or utilize existing pier slips on Piers No. 2 – 4 once the slip spaces turnover. Chanson stated it is most acceptable for the boats to be located on Pier No. 1 as the space between Piers No. 2 and 3 is the only open location to view the lake at the lakefront area. The committee agreed to reevaluate after the 2021 season.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 4:00 pm.

Adjournment

Chanson/Snyder 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:43pm, 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: 02/17/2021