

**VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE**

Walworth County, WI

**Lakefront and Harbor Committee**

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm on September 4, 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 July 24, 2019 & July 29, 2019**

Snyder/Chanson 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2019 and July 29, 2019 meetings, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Launch Update – Mike Goodman**

Launch Manager Mike Goodman reported that things have been going well and he believes Labor Day weekend was one of the busiest yet. Staff have been continuing to work on reducing traffic congestion and closely monitoring boats parked at Lake Street and Third Street and if they are parked longer than 20 minutes staff is sending them to High Street to help alleviate any traffic problems. Boat launchers are more familiar with the new launching procedures this summer and employees have adjusted to staying off the piers as much as possible.

**Estimate from Austin Pier Service for Rip Rap**

Trustee Pappas stated that the estimate is for the Rip Rap project on the South Side of the Channel starting where work was last left off at County Club corner and going west. According to the estimate, the work will be backed by landscape fabric up to the concrete wall and will have 6” to 24” of field stone with a 2:1 slope approximately 2’ high. Pappas stated that money was included in this year’s budget to continue installing rip rap along the channel. The estimate is for \$18,000.

Snyder/Chanson 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval of the rip-rap proposal from Austin Pier Service, in the amount not to exceed \$18,000, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Discuss Parking Fees and Beach Fees for 2020**

Bob Chanson stated he believes that parking fees are too low and should be raised to \$3 per hour and the price of the “F” stickers should be raised to \$20 per sticker. Chief Cates mentioned the idea of keeping parking rates reasonable for parents bringing children to swim lessons and added the idea that the parking kiosks are programmable, so that they can be changed to charge different prices at different times or days. The committee decided the change of rates on certain days and times would be rather confusing. Loomer did mention the price of “F” stickers has not changed since 2013. After a lengthy discussion, the committee elected to leave the beach rates as they are, and recommended changing the parking rates to \$3 per hour and raising the price of the “F” stickers to \$20.

Chanson/Holst 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend the Village Board approve increasing the hourly parking rate for the metered stalls from \$2 to \$3 per hour next season, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Chanson/Eakright 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to recommend the Village Board approve increasing the cost of the “F” Stickers from \$15 to \$20 next season, and the MOTION carried on a 5-2 vote with Don Holst and Steve Beers opposed.

**Discuss Parking along South Curb of boat trailer parking lot**

Trustee Pappas suggested adding four or five car parking spaces along the south curb of the boat trailer parking lot. The space is currently designated as a “No Parking Zone”, but is used as an overflow area for boat trailers. Launch manager Mike Goodman stated the only time staff parks boats along that curb is if they miscount and allow a boat to launch and have no place for them to park. Goodman stated the use of radios has really helped with communication, so this error does not happen as often, but occasionally they get busy or miscount and need a space for the launcher to park. Pappas believes this is being used for more capacity rather than a safety net. It was mentioned that cameras could be added to help patrol this area and angled parking could instead be added to Reid Street. The Committee decided to leave it as it is for the current time.

**Set Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting was scheduled for September 25, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

**Adjournment**

Chanson/Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Stephanie Smith, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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: 10/23/2019