

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
Walworth County, WI

Lakefront and Harbor Committee
Wednesday, June 24, 2009
(Official Minutes)

The monthly meeting of the Lakefront and Harbor Committee was called to order at 4:37 pm on June 24, 2009 by Chairperson Micki O'Connell.

Roll Call: Trustee Micki O'Connell, Robert Chanson, Rick Pappas, Joel Bikowski, Steve Beers (arrived at 4:53 pm)

Absent: Ed Snyder, Lee Eakright

Also Present: Lucien Ciaglia, Daryl Fredrick, Larry Larkin, Village Clerk Dennis Martin, Tom Whowell

Visitors Heard

Tom Whowell and Larry Larkin – International Antique Boat Show in Village of Fontana, September 2011

Larry Larkin stated that the local Blackhawk Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society is considering hosting the ACBS International Annual Meeting and Boat Show on Geneva Lake in September 2011. Larkin stated that about 60 boats are included in the annual Blackhawk Chapter antique and classic boat show, which has been held the third week of September in previous years. Larkin stated that the proposed weekend for the international event may be the third or fourth week of September 2011, depending on finalizing the logistics for making room for about 1,000 antique and classic boats in the Abbey Harbor. Larkin stated that there will be hundreds of cars and trailers that will have to be parked for up to three nights, and he requested that the Village consider allowing some of the cars and trailers to be parked in the Village boat trailer lot. Larkin stated that the event will attract about 600 people from outside the area, as well as the usual participants for the Blackhawk Chapter event. Larkin stated that an international event also will attract more spectators to the area. Larkin stated that he currently is informing the lake municipalities and businesses of the preliminary planning that has occurred to date, and he will keep the Village updated. O'Connell stated that the Lakefront and Harbor Committee and Village will do its best to work with the ACBS planning committee to address the event needs and accommodate the visitors.

General Business

Approval of Minutes – May 27, 2009

Pappas/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to approve the May 27, 2009 minutes as submitted, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Harbormaster Concerns

New Harbormaster Lucien Ciaglia presented a written report to the committee. Ciaglia stated that the crew is fully staffed for the summer, the rip rap along the lakefront is being maintained by the contractor, and he has addressed with the Geneva Lake Water Safety Patrol a communication concern with regard to disabled boats that are towed to the Village docks. Ciaglia also made a recommendation with regard to spring maintenance and pier scrapping and painting that will be forwarded to the Public Works Committee for consideration. The committee directed Fredrickson to look at the swim dock and make a recommendation to address its poor condition. Ciaglia stated that the aging swim pier is an accident waiting to happen, and someone may wind up with a sliver in a hand or foot. With regard to concerns about parking, O'Connell stated that she will talk to

Police Chief Steve Olson and Administrator Kelly Hayden to make sure the proper signage is posted in the Village lot. The committee also discussed prohibiting side street parking for boat trailers, and installing no parking signage on one side of Douglas Street.

Pier Addition Application Filed With DNR by Austin Pier Service for Willow Bend Marine, Inc. (Jerry's Marine) Pier – Tabled 3/25/09, 4/29/09 & 5/27/09

Daryl Fredrick of Austin Pier Service stated that he revised the plans for the new catwalks on the pier to eliminate the overhead support poles that drew concern from the committee members. Fredrick stated that he is proposing to use an Eklof pipe frame docking system with poles driven into the current crib supports, similar to the system he recently installed at the Lake Geneva Club. Fredrick stated that the pipe frame system will support the new catwalks, it will look good and it will fit into the current situation. Fredrick stated that the proposal most likely will not require a DNR permit, and if so, he will withdraw the current permit; however, he has not yet been in contract with Pam Schense at the Wisconsin DNR. Pappas stated that he favors the revised plan, and he agreed with Fredrick that a permit from the DNR most likely will not be required. Pappas stated that the pier is not being lengthened, and there is no proposed increase in the number of moorings or slips or the cribs. The committee members were in consensus following discussion that since the plan does not call for any significant change to the current pier, only the support system, that approval should be recommended. Fredrick stated that he will contact the DNR, and if the permit is not required, he will withdraw it; and he will contact the Village Building and Zoning Department to determine what Village permits are required for the revised plan.

Pappas/Chanson 2nd made a MOTION to recommend approval of the Eklof dock crib system plan for the Willow Bend Marine, Inc. (Jerry's Marine) pier catwalk project as presented by Austin Pier Service, with the condition that the necessary Building and Zoning Permits are acquired, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Following the vote, Chanson stated that he is concerned that the four pontoon boats parked at the Jerry's Marine pier are causing a safety concern for boaters who are traveling north/south between the pier and the buoy area. Chanson stated that the open space is too tight and boaters could get trapped after filling up their boats with gas or parking at one of the piers in the area. Following discussion, the committee directed Martin to send a letter to Jamie Whowell directing him to address the concern. Fredrick asked the committee members to provide direction, since he most likely will be charged with the task by Jamie Whowell. The committee members stated that Fredrick should shorten the buoy lines or have one of the four pontoon boats moved to provide 20 to 25 feet of space between the end of the pier and the boat moored on the buoys.

DMA Reviews

O'Connell stated that the Cavanaugh/Sullivan DMA has two slips approved and there are two slips installed on the pier. Pappas stated that the number of slips and buoys and pier dimensions should be recorded for each DMA before they are all codified. Even though the DMA is in compliance with the most current approval, the committee decided to wait until Lee Eakright was present to act on the Cavanaugh/Sullivan DMA. O'Connell and Pappas stated that they will get the pier dimensions and supplement the current data on the other Lake Street DMAs for the next meeting.

Geneva Lake Water Safety Patrol Request to Sell Red Flags at Boat Launch

The Geneva Lake Use Committee made the request to have the municipal launch personnel sell red warning flags to boaters on behalf of the Water Safety Patrol. Chanson asked if the boat launch staff also will be requested to sell life vests and other safety equipment that boaters are required to have. Tom Whowell stated that the initiative is being pursued lake-wide as a safety measure and the red flags are meant to warn other boaters that a person is skiing or tubing. Ciaglia stated that the launch employees are very busy and it would be impossible to track funds

that are being collected for launch fees or for the Water Safety Patrol flags. The committee members were in consensus that it would be fine if the Water Safety Patrol wants its employees to sell the flags at the launch site.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is Wednesday, July 29, 2009 at 4:30 pm.

Adjournment

Chanson/Pappas 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by: Dennis L. Martin, 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: 7/29/09