

**PIERS, HARBORS, AND LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023, 5:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Committee Members: Chairperson Joan Yunker, Alderpersons: Shari Straube, Ken Howell, Rich Hedlund, and Tim Dunn

Chairperson Yunker called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Yunker, Howell and Dunn.

Absent: Hedlund (excused) and Straube (excused)

Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes, limited to items on this agenda. None

Ted Pankau with the Geneva Lake Water Safety patrol spoke in favor of purchasing the proposed Lifeguard Tower for Riviera Beach.

Jami Golz with the Lake Geneva YMCA spoke in favor of granting the YMCA beach passes for its summer youth program.

Approval of the February 13, 2023, Piers, Harbors, and Lakefront Committee minutes as prepared and distributed. Motion by Dunn to approve. Seconded by Howell. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Harbormaster Report. Harbormaster Steve Russell provided the committee with a review of items contained within his Harbormaster Report. Russell also provided a status report of the annual renewal on the City's slips and buoys. General discussion was held between the committee members and the Harbormaster.

Lagoon repairs and projects for 2023

Russell gave a status report on the condition of the lagoon as well as options for making repairs. The Harbormaster noted the costs for various repair options being considered. Russell stated he will get design options for the lagoon piers and present them at the next meeting.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding the waiver of beach pass fees for the Geneva Lake YMCA summer camp program. Howell so moved and Dunn seconded to suspend the rules and allow Jami Golz of the Lake Geneva YMCA to speak. Jami Golz of the Lake Geneva YMCA addressed the committee concerning the request and answered various questions from the committee members. Howell so moved to recommend granting forty-five (45) beach passes to the YMCA for its summer youth program. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. This request was forwarded to the Finance, Licensing and Regulation Committee (FLR).

Discussion/Recommendation regarding a cooperative agreement with the Geneva Lake Environmental Agency for shared responsibility for the boat launch and clean water inspections. The Geneva Lake Environmental Agency (GLEA) is asking area communities to use their existing boat launch attendants to undertake clean water inspections. The Harbormaster stated the GLEA will pay up to \$12 per hour to a maximum of 200 hours per community towards expenses related to the inspections. After some discussion among the committee members; Howell so moved to recommend approval and to forward this request to the next FLR Committee meeting. Dunn seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding Ordinance 23-01 an ordinance amending Section 192, Fees, of Chapter 90, Waterways, of the City of Lake Geneva Municipal Code as it relates to the payment of unpaid and delinquent City claims related to the rental of City owned piers, slips, buoys, and kayak racks. The Harbormaster stated that the City's current ordinance does not include allow withholding of City piers, slips, buoys, and kayak racks if a renter has unpaid and delinquent claims owed to the city. After additional discussion Howell so moved to recommend approval and forward this to the next FLR Committee meeting. Seconded by Dunn. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding installing a Lifeguard Tower on Riviera Beach (Requested by Water Safety Patrol as the current Lifeguard Chairs do not allow Lifeguards to see beyond Swim Piers). Harbormaster Russell presented the committee with a proposal /quote for purchase of a new lifeguard tower for Riviera Beach. Russell stated that this tower is deemed satisfactory by the Water Safety Patrol to allow the lifeguards an unobstructed view beyond the Swim Piers. After additional discussion Howell so moved to recommend approval and forward this to the next FLR Committee meeting. Seconded by Dunn. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Adjournment

At 5:25 p.m. Dunn so moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Howell. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.