

**PIERS, HARBORS, AND LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023, 5:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Committee Members: Chairperson Joan Yunker, Alderpersons: Shari Straube, Ken Howell, Peg Esposito, and Tim Dunn

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

Roll Call

Present: Yunker, Howell, and Esposito.

Absent: Dunn and Straube (both excused)

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

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

Harbormaster Report. Harbormaster Steve Russell reviewed the information submitted in the meeting packet including boat launch and beach revenues and an update on the vacant city slips and buoys.

Russell advised the committee that, as of today, three requests for proposals (RFPs) have been released for the proposed dam spillway project being undertaken by the Geneva Lake Level Corporation. Russell advised the committee that depending on the responses received, the slips and walkway in the lagoon may need to be removed. The City will, later, need to decide if the slips will be reinstalled / replaced after the project is completed. General discussion was had among the committee members, who agreed that this may need to be placed on a future Piers and Harbors committee agenda.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding addition of fountain or aerator to circulate lake water on the East side of Riviera Beach – Geneva Lake Environmental Agency request.

Russell reported that, based on his research, the primary source of E.coli along the lakefront is generated by bird waste. While that roof of the Riviera building has substantial bird waste on its roof; the primary areas of impact are the water's edge and the sand immediately under the water. Russell noted that current E.coli readings are low and have not posed a problem so far this season.

Russell advised the committee that he will be posting signs on the beach advising the public not to feed the waterfowl (ducks, geese, seagulls, etc.). This is currently a City ordinance and does not require committee action by the committee or the City Council.

In addition, Russell recommended that the City purchase an aerator to help circulate the water near the east side of the Riviera Beach. This type of aerator will be attached to the Riviera pier and does not require a permit from the Wisconsin DNR. Russell further noted that Geneva Lake Environmental Agency supports the posting of signs and the installation of the aerator. After additional discussion Howell so moved to take the purchase of the aerator to the next FLR meeting. Esposito seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding West End Kayak/Paddleboard launching with implementation of \$5.00 launch fee. Harbormaster Russell addressed the committee and stated that this launch fee is comparable to neighboring communities. Funds collected would be used to improve the launch capability on the west end. After some discussion, Howell so moved to recommend implementing this fee and forwarding the recommendation to the next FLR meeting. Esposito seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Future agenda item: Esposito requested that the topic of ADA accessibility for the Riviera Beach be placed on an upcoming Piers and Harbors committee agenda.

Adjournment. At 5:23 PM Esposito made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Howell. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.