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CITY OF LAKE GENEVA PIERS, HARBORS, AND LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023 - 5:00 PM

LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)

Members:

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

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AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Yunker
2. Roll Call
3. Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes, limited to items on this agenda
4. Approval of the October 10, 2023 Piers, Harbors, and Lakefront Committee meetings minutes as prepared and distributed
5. Harbormaster Report
6. Discussion/Recommendation regarding Riviera Roof, related to bird control (*continued from September 12, 2023 meeting*)
7. Discussion/Recommendation regarding possible fee change for annual beach passes and possible regulation on eligibility for passes
8. Discussion/Recommendation regarding possible RFP for Lagoon slip removal and installation of new slips
9. **Adjournment**

*This is a meeting of the Piers, Harbors & Lakefront Committee.
No official Council action will be taken; however, a quorum of the Council may be present.*

**CITY OF LAKE GENEVA PIERS, HARBORS, AND LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023 - 5:00 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)**

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

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairman Yunker

Roll Call:

Present: Yunker, Howell, Esposito, and Dunn

Absent: Straube (excused)

Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes, limited to items on this agenda.

George Steffen, 1316 Pleasant Street spoke on agenda item six (Lagoon slips)

Richard Pucci, 316 Elmwood Avenue spoke on agenda item six (Lagoon slips)

Approval of the September 12, 2023 Piers, Harbors, and Lakefront Committee minutes as prepared and distributed. Motion by Esposito, seconded by Dunn. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding Riviera Roof, related to bird control (continued from September 12, 2023, meeting). Harbormaster Steve Russell provided the committee with an update. Two companies have been contacted to visit the site and make recommendations as to how best address to the issue. Russell suggested possibly issuing an official Request For Proposals to solicit additional input. Consensus of the committee to carry this topic over to the next Piers & Harbors meeting.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding status and future use of Lagoon Slips (continued from September 12, 2023 meeting). Russell recommended to the committee that a formal Request For Proposals to receive cost estimates for (a) the removal of the existing lagoon slips and (b) the installation of new lagoon slips. After additional discussion, Howell so moved to send out a Request For Proposals. Esposito seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding the 2024 Lifeguard Service Agreement with Water Safety Patrol. After brief discussion, Howell moved to recommend approving the 2024 Lifeguard Service Agreement with the Lake Geneva Water Safety Patrol. Seconded by Esposito. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding a request for AED unit for Riviera Beach (Water Safety Patrol). . After brief discussion, Esposito moved to recommend approving the purchase of an AED unit for use at the Riviera Beach. Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding 2024 Clean Boats/Clean Water Program Participation (Geneva Lake Environmental Agency). Russell provided a brief report of the 2023 program and recommended participating again in 2024. Motion by Howell to recommend participating in the 2024 Clean Boats/Clean Water Program. Seconded by Esposito. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding West End Pier boat vandalism. Harbormaster Russell discussed this topic with the committee, outlining various incidents of vandalism and theft that have occurred. Briefly discussed possible options for the City to consider to address the issue. Russell noted this topic was strictly “informational” at this time.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding Boat Launch Rate. Russell addressed the topics of increasing all rates to current Department of Natural Resources (DNR) rates as well as adding a daily Commercial Fee of \$100 (currently there is no daily rate; only a season pass fee of \$1,000). After discussion among the committee members. It was consensus to not increase all City rates to the DNR’s rates. Esposito moved to recommend that the City add a daily commercial fee of one hundred dollars. Motion seconded by Yunker. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding possible fee change for annual beach passes and possible regulation on eligibility for passes. City Administrator Nord asked that this agenda item be held over until next month. Howell moved to continue this agenda item until the next meeting. Seconded by Esposito. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding replacing defective exterior lighting at the Riviera at a cost of \$24,000. Russell reviewed the estimates within the meeting packet for replacement of 6 bollard lights around the fountain as well as lights for the stairways leading up to the second floor of the Riviera building. Funding for these items would be taken from this year’s budget. Howell so moved to recommended approval of the purchase. Seconded by Yunker. Motion carried by unanimous vote. This item was referred to the FLR committee.

Motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to Wis Statutes 19.85(1)(f) considering financial or disciplinary data of specific persons, which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories related to Riviera Concourse Space “M” Lease. At 5:36 PM, Esposito so moved that the committee go into closed session with the addition of the Mayor, Harbormaster, Alderperson Fesenmaier and City Administrator Nord. Seconded by Howell. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to return to open session pursuant to Wis Statutes 19.85(2) and take action on any items discussed in closed session. At 5:42 PM Howell so moved to go back into open session. Seconded by Esposito. Motion carried unanimously.

Esposito so moved that the City proceed as discussed in closed session. Seconded by Yunker. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

At 5:43PM Howell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dunn. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

P, H & L 10-10-23

Harbormaster

AGENDA ITEM #5

From: barry@seagullcontrol.com
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 11:00 AM
To: Harbormaster
Subject: RE: City of Lake Geneva WI Seagull Problem
Attachments: About Us.pdf; USDA Approved Method-SCS GridWireSystem.pdf

Hi Steve:

Thanks for the phone call and the photos. This is a challenging project because the building is unique and very attractive. We'll have to modify our grid wire seagull deterrent system to attach to that upper roof, while still preserving the aesthetics of the building.

Typically gulls land and roost on flat, or flattish, roofs. On sloping roofs they land on the peaks, and if the peaks get crowded they walk down the slope if it's a shallow slope. Like your building. I think it's the upper roof that's the issue. If that's made off limits to gulls they won't relocate to the lower roofs, which have a sharper slope than that upper roof. Sharper slopes make gulls uncomfortable. Seagulls prefer the higher points and generally don't move to lower roofs—they find new places on other buildings. They don't like to roost on slope angles that are 3/12 or more, and your lower roofs seem to be about that slope angle.

That's why a site visit is important here, because this is a bit more complicated than a standard flat roof seagull infestation. Fortunately our installation contractor will be in Wisconsin either the end of next week or the early part of the week of 10/16. I'll confer with them shortly and next week we should have a schedule for the Franklin WI job and can coordinate that with a meeting with you. Details to follow when we know more.

Regards,
Barry

Barry Fast, President
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From: Harbormaster <harbormaster@cityoflakegeneva.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 11:28 AM
To: barry@seagullcontrol.com
Subject: City of Lake Geneva WI Seagull Problem

Barry,

Thanks for talking with me this morning.



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ABOUT US

Seagull Control Systems, a family owned business, is the only bird control company in North America that works exclusively on seagull infestations. Seagulls are our complete focus. This total concentration on seagulls means we have a level of expertise in gull mitigation projects that is unsurpassed in the bird control field.

Seagull Control Systems is a specified seagull deterrent provider for the US Navy's submarine service-dock upgrade projects on both coasts. Our grid wire systems protect five campus buildings and a solar panel array at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, CA. We have protected eight new roofs against seagull infestations at the Port of Tacoma, WA and two piers at the Port of Valdez, AK. The Bruce Nuclear Power plant in Ontario, Canada specifies us for seagull deterrent projects at their Lake Huron facility. We have eliminated serious, protracted seagull infestations at the General Motors Assembly Plant in Flint, MI, on the solar panel arrays at the San Diego Airport, at the Great Lakes Water Authority treatment plant in Detroit, the Sunrise Shopping Mall on Long Island in New York, an Amazon warehouse in New Jersey and the Anchorage, Alaska Post Office, to name just a few varied examples.

Wherever seagulls congregate and pollute--from Florida to Alaska, around the Great Lakes and other inland lakes in the US and Canada, we have permanently ended seagull infestations. We only use scientifically proven methods to keep gulls off solar panel arrays, warehouse and factory roofs, solid waste landfills, water purifier facilities, working piers, marinas and outdoor dining. We don't use methods that gulls habituate to. No fake predators, noise makers, flashers, sprayers, ultra-sonic devices or similar temporary or ineffective fixes. No nets because they can injure gulls and other birds.

Seagulls are highly adaptable birds that thrive in urban and other man-made environments. Because we focus only on seagulls we have developed the right solution for every type of seagull infestation. We know what works---and what doesn't.

We design and deliver grid wire systems or other types of seagull deterrents, customized for each application. Our grid wire system follows the pattern recommended by the US Department of Agriculture Wildlife Service as non-harmful and permanently effective for flat roofs, piers & docks, outdoor dining and solar arrays. We have fabricated this robust grid wire system to endure harsh marine and roof-top weather conditions.

We have consistently maintained an A+ rating for excellent customer service from the Better Business Bureau.

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SCS Grid Wire Seagull Deterrent System

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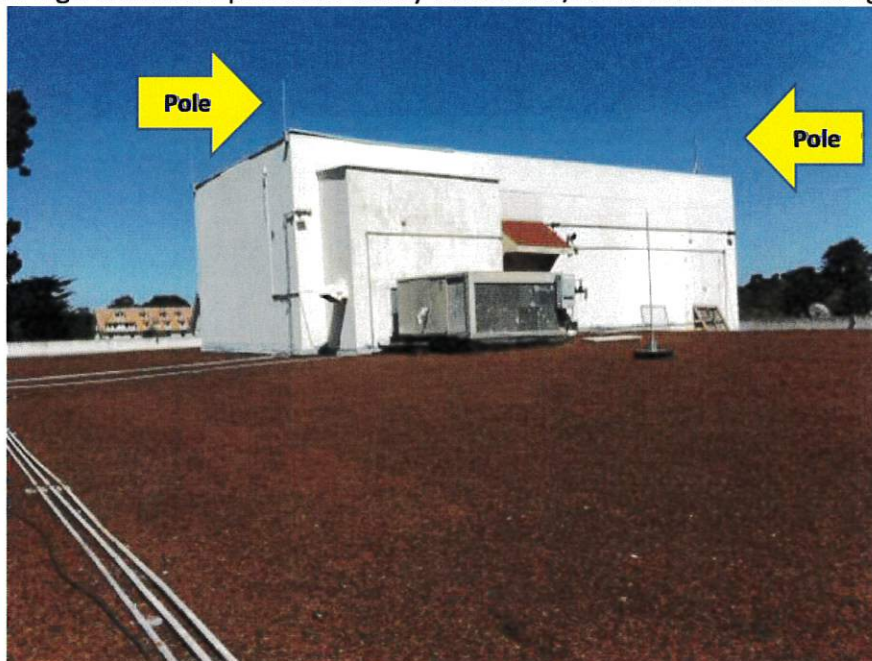
"Covering water (such as reservoirs) and roofs with grids of monofilament fishing line (100 pound test) or stainless steel wire (0.8 mm thickness) will deter gulls from landing on the surface of water, rooftops, and other areas."

"Wire spacing depends on the problem species: for herring and great black-backed gulls the correct spacing is 40 feet, and for ring-billed gulls, the correct spacing is 20 feet. This technique does not work for laughing gulls.

Migratory birds can fly and roost under the wires without ill effect. This is the most effective deterrent method, nonharmful to seagulls and if well maintained will keep the gulls away permanently..."

(from USDA Wildlife Service, NJ office-Managing Gull Damage)

Slim 6ft high aluminum poles are hardly noticeable/wires invisible from the ground



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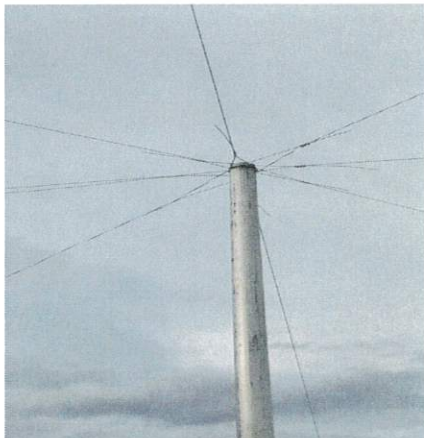
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Seagull Control Systems® designs and delivers a grid wire seagull deterrent technology that is recommended by the US Department of Agriculture as a permanently effective, non-harmful method for eliminating seagull infestations and their pollution. Our grid wire deterrent system will permanently end your seagull infestation.

The science: Seagulls inhabit wide open spaces where their take-offs and landings are unobstructed, where they can watch for predators and make a quick escape if necessary. They are flocking birds where a few roosting gulls signal safety and security to others, so the abundance of seagulls increases if nothing is done to get rid of them. Fake predators, noisemakers, electronic distress calls are all ineffective over time. Seagulls are resourceful birds that thrive in harsh weather conditions, so they become accustomed to annoyances, noisemakers or fake owls. A safe roosting or nesting area, nearby food, and an unobstructed take-off and landing are all they require to thrive.

The Solution: Our grid wire deterrent technology eliminates safety and comfort, which are the key attractions that your flat roof, solar panel array or dock affords seagulls. We make your facility a hostile environment for seagulls. They will abandon your property and not return. We create a pattern of coated steel wire grids or polyurethane coated Kevlar™ cord, suspended on aluminum poles six or eight feet above the surface where seagulls have been landing. Seagulls perceive these grids as obstructions to a quick emergency take-off or as obstacles to landing, so they won't land beneath them. With plenty of unobstructed choices nearby, seagulls will choose not to land on your facility, even temporarily. They are afraid to. This is seagull psychology in action. We give seagulls claustrophobia with our SCS Grid Wire Seagull Deterrent System™.

**Grids are nearly invisible
but gulls see them clearly**

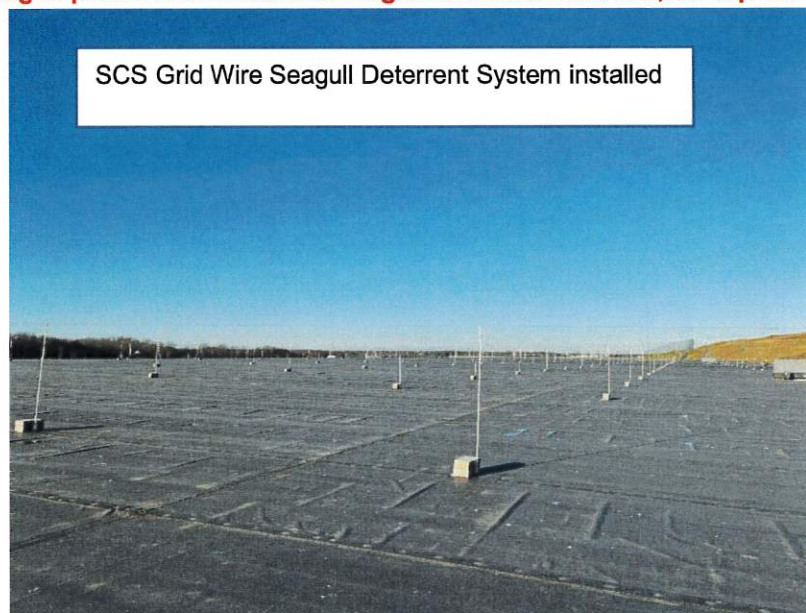


Practical Considerations: Our grid design enables people to move around freely on your roof or dock without interference from the deterrent system, which is installed well above the roof/dock surface. We have designed the system for very little maintenance, and many years of durable performance in harsh weather. On marina docks our system can be efficiently uninstalled and reinstalled seasonally, if desired. For solar panel protection, our grid system prevents nesting and roosting, so no more white splats that degrade power output and require frequent cleaning, and it casts no significant shadow. For large flat roofs, our seagull deterrent system is stabilized with paving stones, preventing penetration of roof membrane. For standing seam steel roofs we use clamps that provide a very durable, non-penetrating attachment to the roof. Aluminum and stainless steel components, with welded aluminum pole holders, ensure your seagull deterrent is non-corrosive and will last as long as your dock, solar panels or roof structures. We provide detailed installation instructions or installation by one of our local certified installation contractors anywhere in the USA, Canada and the Bahamas.

The SCS Grid Wire Seagull Deterrent System™ is not a net. A net can entangle seagulls, which is upsetting to most people who observe the struggling bird. It does not interfere with other desirable or migrating birds. The US Department of Agriculture recommends this method for docks, roofs and solar panels, as does the National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration for protecting seafood processing plants from seagull-borne pollution. The US Navy and Coast Guard use our seagull deterrents, having found them very effective--permanently ending seagull infestations.

Contact us at info@seagullcontrol.com or phone us for details and a customized solution that will permanently end the seagull infestation at your facility. We earn our A+ rating by the Better Business Bureau every day with outstanding customer support. We only sell seagull deterrent solutions that work permanently. Made in the USA.

Seagull problem eliminated on huge warehouse roof 900,000 square feet



September 12, 2023

Piers, Harbor & Lakefront Committee Meeting

Agenda Item 6 – Seagulls on Riviera Roof

Issue: Unsightly roof and smell

Solutions: Install visual or sound deterrents



Bird wire along peaks



Laser systems:

<https://birdcontrolgroup.com/automated-laser-bird-repellent/>





Beach Pass Proposal brought forward by staff:

Currently:

Beach passes are bought for \$3 apiece to a maximum allowed purchase of 6 (a total of \$18.00)

Proposal:

Sell beach passes in lots of six (6) for a total of \$20.00.

Reasons for the proposal:

The beach pass rate of \$18 for six passes has not been changed since 2014. When adjusting for inflation; the Beach passes' present value should be **\$22.92**.

Most residents who buy less than six, eventually return to City Hall to purchase the balance they are eligible for.

Sales of six for \$20.00 would improve staff productivity by servicing the individual property owner once, instead of multiple times during the season and avoiding the need to go back into the records to confirm the number previously purchased by an individual. It would also assist in paying for the costs related to production of the existing passes.

Other issues brought up that were not part of the staff's request:

Differentiation between owner occupied single-family residential and other manner of dwelling units for purposes of charging.

Homeowners of all type are already sharing beach passes and/or selling them to others.

It's doubtful that residential property taxpayers (regardless of status) could legally be placed into categories for the purpose of permitting or not permitting the purchase of passes.

Of all the households in the City of Lake Geneva that purchase beach passes (1,174), less than 2½% of them were short-term-rentals.

Group Homeowners (who own multiple properties) purchase their six passes for residents living in the group home.

Most short-term rental owners do not live in Lake Geneva and the majority appear to keep the passes for their own family and do not give them to the renters.

If the City were to limit beach passes being purchased by short term rentals; concern on how that may impact others renting apartments or housing.

Other options for monitoring beach passes:

QR codes could be easily shared between devices and there is a risk of potential hacking.

The additional cost involved for generating and monitoring other types of passes (ID card, QR codes, etc.) would only increase the City's overall expense to address a problem that exists but is not significant.