

**CITY OF LAKE GENEVA PIERS, HARBORS, AND LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 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. Therese Poetzinger, 240 Elmwood Avenue, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin addressed agenda item number four (Approval of the October 10, 2023, Piers, Harbors, and Lakefront Committee meeting minutes as prepared and distributed). Poetzinger attempted to discuss the closed session which occurred at last month's meeting. Chairperson Yunker, after previously warning the speaker, ruled Poetzinger out of order as the approval of the meeting minutes was not the subject of her comments.

Approval of the October 10, 2023, Piers, Harbors, and Lakefront Committee minutes as prepared and distributed. Motion by Howell to approve, seconded by Esposito. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Harbormaster Report. Harbormaster Steve Russell addressed the committee that all buoys, piers and slips have been pulled on from the Lake. The updated wait list for buoys and slips has been posted to the City website. All 2024 seasons leases documents have been prepared and will be mailed out in January.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding Riviera Roof, related to bird control (continued from October 10, 2023, meeting). Harbormaster Russell provided the committee with an update on this topic. Two companies visited the site and one of those companies has submitted a proposal (which was just received). More information will be presented next month. Howell so moved to continue this topic until the next meeting. Esposito seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding possible fee change for annual beach passes and possible regulation on eligibility for passes (continued from October 10, 2023, meeting). City Administrator Dave Nord addressed the committee concerning staff recommendations that beach passes not be sold individually, but in lots of six for a price of \$20.00. General discussion was held among the various committee members and the Administrator. After further discussion Dunn moved to recommend that the price for individual beach passes be increased to five dollars (\$5.00) and that a pack of six beach passes be sold for twenty dollars (\$20.00). Seconded by Esposito. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding possible RFP for Lagoon slip removal and installation of new slips. Harbormaster Russell stated that the Request For Proposals (RFP) are ready to be issued. Russell stated that he had a pier company come to the site and should receive a proposal in the next few weeks. Russell stated the estimated cost to dredge the lagoon is \$300,000. In Russell's conversation with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, it was stated that the City of Lake Geneva has no responsibility for dredging or cleaning of the lagoon.

Russell suggested possibly hiring an unbiased marine engineering firm to develop recommendations on what should be done in the lagoon. This information would be used to develop specific criteria for addressing the lagoon issues and generate comparable proposals from those companies who submit. It was consensus of the committee that decision needs to be made prior to the next boating season. Russell will provide a status report at the next meeting.

Adjournment

At 5:29 PM Dunn moved to adjourn. Seconded by Esposito. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.