

**CITY OF LAKE GENEVA PIERS, HARBORS, AND LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024 - 5:00 PM  
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)**

Committee Members: Chairperson Linda Frame, Alderpersons: Shari Straube, Sherri Ames, Peg Esposito, and Ken Howell

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

**Roll Call:**

Present; Frame, Ames, Esposito and Howell

Absent: Straube (excused)

**Comments from the public limited to five (5) minutes, limited to items on this agenda.**

Micah Heidel of Radtke Contractors, Inc. addressed the committee to provide a general overview of services his company provides as it relates to agenda item eleven.

Tom Buzby, address not provided, addressed the committee concerning agenda item eleven and his opposition to the lagoon piers being reinstalled. Suggested that additional pier slips be installed on the lake.

Larry Larkin W3170 S. Lake Shore Drive, representing the Geneva Lake Level Corporation regarding agenda item eleven. Larkin spoke in opposition to reinstalling the lagoon piers and listed various reasons why this will be of benefit to the lagoon and the existing dam.

Karl Otzen, W3267 Snake Road, also representing the Geneva Lake Level Corporation spoke regarding agenda item eleven and the negative impact reinstalling the lagoon slips would have on dam maintenance.

**Approval of the Piers, Harbors, and Lakefront Committee minutes from March 12, 2024.**

Motion by Esposito to approve. Second by Howell. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Discussion/Recommendation regarding new Riviera Beach ADA Access - Kapur Update**

Naomi Rauch (Kapur Engineering) addressed the committee concerning the various design option presented for consideration. Considerable discussion and questions by the committee with Rauch.

After two failed motions to select one of the options, Howell recommended that Rauch return to the June meeting with more specific information for options number 2 and option 4. Rauch was asked to provide additional detail concerning kiosk placement and exit/entrance considerations for both options as well as to address the possibility of a six-foot-wide sidewalk (instead of five foot as shown on the submitted options). Esposito seconded the recommendation. Recommendation approved by a unanimous 5-0 voice vote.

**Discussion/Recommendation regarding a request from the YMCA for 80 (eighty) Beach Passes for the Summer Youth Swimming Program.**

Motion by Howell to recommend approval of the request. Second by Ames. General discussion was had by the committee members. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Discussion/Recommendation regarding request for admission fee waiver or discount for 20 students and 2 adults on either May 30th or June 3rd from about 11:00am-2:00pm in order to reward the Eastview School's 4th & 5th grade student council members with a beach day for their end of the year celebration**

Motion by Howell to recommend approval of the request. Second by Ames. General discussion was had by the committee members. Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous voice vote.

**Harbormaster Report**

Harbormaster Steve Russell provided an overview of the information contained in the printed Harbormaster Report, which was part of the meeting packet. Updates on 2024 buoy/slip leases, status of various piers, kayak honor system for the west end launch, Riviera Beach, boat launch staffing and Riviera Ballroom staffing.

**Explanation of the Lagoon Rental Season 2024; Chairperson Frame**

Chairperson Frame addressed the committee and public with an explanation of status of the Lagoon for the 2024 season including the expenses of the pier removal, lost boat slip rental revenue and lagoon renters season launch passes at no charge as a concession for loss of slip due to pier removal. Naomi Rauch provided a brief update on the lagoon sea wall damage and repair costs.

**Discussion of Lagoon Status; Concerns of 4 Municipalities; Chairperson Frame**

Frame briefly addressed concerns she had received from the residents of Lake Geneva as well as from the Town of Linn, Fontana, and Williams Bay.

**Discussion/Recommendation regarding options eco-friendly, spillway safe, being explored and BID requests; Chairperson Frame.**

Frame addressed various items with the committee including same wood-type pier structure system vs new system option to discuss, construction details, number of slips/details, pictures samples of proposed

pier system and drawing of Proposed Outline of the System. General discussion was held among the committee members, the Harbormaster, Mayor and others. Agreement that there is a need to examine all options, as well as a need to increase rates to cover the all the City's related costs, etc.

Mayor Krause recommend that Chairperson Frame dedicate next month's meeting exclusively to addressing the topic of the lagoon piers. After further discussion Howell recommended continuing this topic to the next meeting. Ames seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Adjournment.**

At 6:09 p.m. Howell moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Ames. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.