

# **CITY OF LAKE GENEVA PIERS, HARBORS, AND LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 - 5:00 PM**

**LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)**

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

## **Meeting called to order by Chairperson Frame**

Chairperson Frame called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

## **Roll Call**

Present: Frame, Ames, Esposito, Howell, and Straube

Absent: None

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

Angela Podesta, 255 Elmwood Ave, spoke on item 7 and her experience with having her boat in the lagoon, and advocated for building a pier on the lake rather than putting piers back in the lagoon. She asked that the decision be made quickly.

Mary Jo Fesenmaier, 1085 S Lake Shore Dr, spoke on item 9, stating that the agenda item was incorrect as GLEA does not have the authority to close the Lake, but was involved in the process.

## **Approval of the Piers, Harbors, and Lakefront Committee minutes from July 9, 2024**

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Ames.

No discussion. Motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

## **Kapur report by Naomi Rauch regarding Lagoon status of:**

### **Lagoon Sea Wall and Bid status**

Naomi Rauch gave a report on the sea wall replacement project options and asked for direction on the project.

Questions between the Committee members and Ms. Rausch followed on topics such as the lifespan of the concrete being about 50 years, the rip rap shoreline option, potential number of piers and boat slips, and costs associated with the options.

### **Lake Leveling details**

Ms. Rauch spoke on the Geneva Lake Level Corporation's activities, the fall timeline for the dam project, and the goal level for the seawall project.

The total level reduction for the project should be 3-4 inches below the spillway, for about 6 weeks.

## **Discussion/Recommendation; Lagoon Options**

### **Piers-to replace, to not replace, other options possible**

Frame asked for thoughts on the options for the Lagoon.

Howell asked for clarification on the costs of projects.

Ames expressed that more information is needed on the topic before the Committee can make a decision.

Esposito stated that more information is needed and asked for numbers on costs and total slips.

Straube spoke on the pier rate stating that lagoon pier rates should not be raised for remaining slips to offset any lost slips. She also expressed that more information is needed.

Motion by Howell to suspend the rules and have the Harbormaster give his report at this time, second by Straube.

No discussion. Motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

Harbormaster Nicia gave his report at this time. Harbormaster Nicia reported numbers for the lagoon project, lease

amounts, and estimated costs to establish a Lagoon replacement fund.

Questions followed between the Committee members and Mr. Nicia regarding the cost breakdown and different variables based on different project options.

Motion by Esposito to continue pier replacement to the next meeting, second by Ames.

Motion carried 4-1 on a voice vote with Straube voting no.

Motion by Howell to recommend the rip rap option for the seawall, second by Straube.

City Administrator DeAngelis spoke on navigation limitations by using the rip rap sea wall option.

Ms. Rauch clarified the dimensions of the sea wall, stating the rip rap would extend out from the sea wall itself by about 3–4 feet, and gave more information on details of the rip rap option and timeline for the project.

Ames suggested having a special meeting to get more information and discuss this further.

Straube asked for details on how the seawall repairs affect the pier replacement. Harbormaster Nicia clarified the timeline that the seawall project would need to be completed before the piers can be replaced.

Howell and Straube withdrew their motion and second to recommend the rip rap.

General discussion followed on the scheduling of the special meeting, which will be held in 2 weeks.

### **Budget for 2025; if piers are to be replaced**

#### **Slip sizes-18 foot max options City history**

#### **Harbormaster Report**

Harbormaster report was given during the discussion on the lagoon options topic.

#### **Discussion of Lagoon Dredging Bids**

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **Riviera Beach Closing of 8/25/2024 through weekend by GLEA, Decision Discussion**

Frame spoke about the wording of the agenda item.

The water testing was done by GLEA, but the Health Department closed the beach.

Motion by Ames to suspend the rules to allow Mary Jo Fesenmaier to speak on the item, second by Esposito.

Motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

Alderperson Fesenmaier gave information on the E-Coli testing and the algal blooms, the caution signs posted at the Lagoon, symptoms experienced by individuals, the order issued by the County Health Department, and the reopening process. She announced that GLEA will be doing a debrief and developing an action plan for future instances.

Discussion followed between the Committee members regarding individual experiences and people involved in making the decision to close the beach.

Mayor Krause spoke on the reopening process, discussing the situation with GLEA, the DNR, and the County Health Department. He spoke on the steps taken to clear out the west end of the Riviera, and announced that the City will be revisiting the situation with GLEA starting tomorrow.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion by Howell to adjourn, second by Ames.

Motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:19pm.

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Committee.

Vanessa Jahns

Deputy City Clerk