

Geneva Lake Use Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 16, 2016 - 7:00 PM

Linn Town Hall – Meeting Room

MINUTES

In the absence of an elected chair, the meeting was called to order by Linn Township Chairman Jim Weiss at 7:00 p.m. Members of the Committee introduced themselves.

Roll Call: Present: Cindy Flower – Lake Geneva
Bill Binn – Lake Geneva
David Jameson – Williams Bay
Jim D’Alessandro – Williams Bay
Absent: Don Holst - Fontana
Boyd Whiting - Linn
Roy White - Linn
Arvid Petersen - Fontana

Also in attendance: Peg Pollitt – Lake Geneva Comptroller & GLUC Acting Secretary
Juan Gomez – DNR Conservation Warden
Chris Schultz – Lake Geneva Regional News reporter
John Marra – Williams Bay Village President
Jim Weiss – Linn Township Chairman
Terry O’Neill – Lake Geneva citizen

Introduction of New By-Laws:

The new 2016 By-laws had been distributed prior to the meeting and were reviewed and discussed.

Selection of Chairman:

Per the new By-Laws, the chair of the committee will begin with the elected official from the Town of Linn which is Roy White for a term ending on May 1, 2017. Chairman White took over the meeting at 7:20p.m.

Comments from the Public:

Terry O’Neill (954 George St., Lake Geneva) spoke on the need for ice warnings to prevent deaths on the lake like what happened last winter. He distributed a pass-out on recommendations and asked for the subject to be placed on a future agenda.

Approval of July 13, 2016 meeting minutes:

It was noted that this was an Inter-governmental meeting and it is not necessary that this body approve those minutes. No action taken.

Select Depository Account:

Pollitt reported that municipality contribution checks are being held until a depository account is opened. This item was continued until a Secretary/Treasurer is hired. Weiss requested invoices be sent out for this year’s contributions.

Discussion on Hiring a Secretary/Treasurer:

Discussion was held on how to advertise for the new paid Secretary/Treasurer position called for in the new By-Laws. Motion made by White/2nd Flower to direct Peg Pollitt to send the position notice to all the Clerks and/or Treasurers in the four municipalities around the lake to see if anyone is interested in the position. Motion passed unanimously. An option could be to assume these duties as part of their current job duties with the payment going to the municipality instead of the individual. They should submit a letter of interest, their background and qualifications to Peg Pollitt before the next meeting.

Future Agenda Items for Consideration:

Fly Board Ordinance Development:

Warden Gomez reported that at the Wisconsin DNR has issued its position on flyboards. They must follow the same rules as a PWC. Petersen stated that these rules are not being enforced. Gomez stated that the committee could make more restrictive rules for Geneva Lake and submit them to the DNR for approval but cannot ban them. It was noted that there is a flyboard-for-hire business in Lake Geneva and are there permits? The committee asked Gomez to provide laws about flyboards that other lakes have adopted. Petersen asked for spear fishing under piers as an item for discussion. Gomez stated that it is a legal form of fishing per the DNR except within 600' of a beach or park within 150' of shore.

Canopy Side Curtains:

There are still violations on the lake, about 150 (mostly private individuals). No citations have been issued yet. Canopies are allowed but not side curtains.

Buoy Placement:

Gomez stated buoys are supposed to be 200' from shore currently and there are discussions to change that to 300'. Any change would have to be collaborated with the pier companies and municipalities.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 7:00pm at Williams Bay Village Hall.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. with a motion by Petersen/2nd D'Alessandro. Motion passed.

Peg Pollitt, GLUC Acting Secretary