

PIERS, HARBORS & LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013 AT 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM 2A

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wall at 6:15 p.m.

Roll Call. Present: Aldermen Lyon, Taggart, Kehoe, Mott and Wall. Others in attendance: Mayor Connors, Administrator Jordan and Harbormaster Gray.

Approval of Minutes from April 25, 2013 meeting as distributed

Taggart/Mott motion to approve. Unanimously carried.

Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes

Beverly Leonard, 1504 Dodge St., Lake Geneva, requested the City consider installing paddle-board racks at the lakefront. Ms. Leonard made a presentation of the potential location of the racks. She said the racks could be horizontal with room for three boards to be stacked. Ms. Leonard said she knows of six people who are interested in renting the racks.

Harbormaster's report

Harbormaster Gray reported the piers and buoys are currently being installed. Mr. Gray also reported that all but four buoys and one lagoon slip have been rented. He said the resident waiting list has been exhausted and he is going through the non-resident waiting list.

Administrator Jordan reported the beach water was tested this week. Although the initial reading was high, the water was retested and was found to be well below the advisory level.

Discussion/Recommendation on stand-up paddle boarding racks

Alderman Taggart said he was initially concerned that if the racks were set up vertically they could obstruct the view of the lakefront. He expressed support for installing horizontal racks.

Taggart/Lyon motion to recommend proceeding with installing two paddle-board racks with capacity for three boards per rack. Alderman Mott expressed concern with added congestion at the lakefront. Mayor Connors suggested keeping the height of the racks no higher than the bushes. Beverly Leonard commented that paddle-boarding is typically a morning activity and it wouldn't have a high impact on the lakefront later in the day. Unanimously carried.

Discussion/Recommendation on status of West End Pier

Chairman Wall commented that he received several phone calls from people wondering why the piers had not been installed yet. He asked Bill Gage from Gage Marine for a report on the status of the pier installation.

Bill Gage, owner of Gage Marine, explained that the late melting of the ice on the lake had an impact on the timing of installing the pier. Mr. Gage said they are now close to completion. He said he didn't expect docks would be installed this late in future years.

Chairman Wall asked that Item #9 be considered as the next item of business.

Discussion/Recommendation on potential tripping hazard on Gage pier deck

Alderman Taggart said he works at the Gage pier and is concerned about the number of elderly people and children who trip over the nails that are sticking out from the deck. Administrator Jordan said he and the DPW

director inspected the piers and did not observe the same issue. Bill Gage said they would address the concern. He asked Mr. Taggart to mark the potential tripping hazards with tape so that he could have them addressed.

Discussion/Recommendation on safety concerns near the West End Pier during the summer season

Alderman Kehoe expressed concern about the congestion near the West End Pier during the summer with children jumping off the pier, people fishing and the use of watercrafts using the same area. Ms. Kehoe said she would like signage stating that swimming is permitted only in the beach area.

Discussion of agenda items for next meeting

No items were identified for discussion at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Kehoe/Wall motion to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. Unanimously carried.

Transcribed from notes and audio tape.

/s/ Michael Hawes, City Clerk

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