

**DEEPHAVEN BOAT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2009
MINUTES**

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Pete Onstad called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present

Pete Onstad, Roy Quaintance, Warren Nelson, David Irwin, Jim van Bergen, Michael Kelly, Larry Parkhurst, City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

Sue Jerutis, Marc Anderson

July 8, 2009 Minutes

The Committee approved the July 8, 2009 minutes on a motion by Jim van Bergen, seconded by Warren Nelson. Motion carried 6-0.

Matters from the Floor

There were no Matters from the Floor this evening.

Piling Cap Recommendations

Discussion was held on the City Council's request for the Boat Committee to obtain quotes on the installation of pier caps versus the cost of using a sealant.

Dana Young stated that there are approximately 154 posts on the new St. Louis Bay Docks and 18 posts on the Breakwater Dock, each post varying from 8" to 12" in diameter. The attached bid from Dock & Lift lists the price for the purchase of flat pier caps at \$3,754.63. He stated that the pier caps could be installed by the Public Works crew or Dock & Lift could install the pier caps at an additional cost of \$1,250.00.

Dana Young stated that as an alternative to pier caps, Dock & Lift also suggested that Anchorseal could be applied to the top of the piers, which should serve to properly seal the piers. He stated that a two gallon container of Anchorseal, which covers approximately 200 square feet, costs approximately \$44.73. The Anchorseal could be applied by the Public Works crew every two years.

Pete Onstad stated that although Anchorseal was a cheaper alternative, the sealant would have to be applied every two years by the public works crew. He stated that we now have quotes on flat pier caps and Anchorseal, as requested by the Council. He stated that he has had conversations with Mayor Skrede, who preferred the flat pier caps rather than the peaked caps because he felt that they would look much better aesthetically. He stated that he has also had a conversation with Councilmember Keith Kask, who preferred the peaked caps and would rather have the pier caps purchased from the 2010 Marina Fund Budget.

Michael Kelly enters at 7:15 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding the estimated life of the dock pilings. Pete Onstad stated that he had been informed by the contractor that the dock should last 50 years.

David Irwin noted that most docks around the lake seem to have pier caps and thought it would probably not be wise not to have pier caps.

David Irwin stated that the one potential problem with flat pier caps is that kids have a tendency to sit on top of them.

The Committee recommended obtaining the measurements of each piling from Dock & Lift in order to obtain additional quotes on both flat and peaked pier caps.

Mooring Lease Amendment (Tom Anderson)

Dana Young stated that Tom Anderson, 4640 Old Kent Road, has requested that the Boat Committee consider an amendment to the Mooring Lease Agreement that would allow a resident to lease a boat through a boat leasing company for a season.

He stated that staffmember Deborah Hicks thought the suggestion might lead to more non-residents using city-owned mooring spaces and that she has never had a resident ask if they could moor a leased boat on a city mooring space.

Larry Parkhurst stated that the City could verify that the boat is actually leased to the resident through their insurance for the boat, which is required under a lease arrangement. He stated that more residents might be considering a lease arrangement to obtain a boat particularly with the ten year term limits on new dock slips. He added that the resident could also be required to provide a copy of the signed lease agreement.

Warren Nelson noted that the leasing of boats is becoming a more popular option.

Pete Onstad asked if a lease agreement would be an acceptable arrangement or if it would be something that we don't want to get involved in due to the increased risk of abuse.

David Irwin stated that he would approve a lease agreement and would leave it up to City staff to determine what information would be needed to limit abuse.

Motion by Warren Nelson to recommend an amendment to the Mooring Lease Agreement that would allow residents the option to lease boats on City mooring spaces subject to the resident providing a signed lease agreement, annual insurance certificates and affirmation that the resident would be the primary user of the watercraft. Seconded by David Irwin. Motion carried 7-0.

Relocate Handicap Parking Space / Advertise in Newsletter

Dana Young stated that Maggie Corens, 18545 Lake Avenue, has requested that the Boat Committee consider moving the handicapped parking space next to the Sports Court at Deephaven Beach further north to allow for additional boat trailer parking and also suggested that boat owners should be allowed to advertise in the City Newsletter.

Dana Young stated that the handicapped parking space is located next to the entrance of the tennis court to enable the disabled to more readily access the court and beach. He added that there usually isn't enough space left in the City Newsletter to allow for advertising.

General discussion was held on the current location of the handicapped parking space and whether boat trailer parking would be enhanced by moving the parking space further north.

Motion by Roy Quaintance to defer discussion on this issue until the Committee members had the opportunity to review the handicapped parking space to determine whether it would be appropriate to relocate the space to a different location. Seconded by Jim van Bergen. Motion carried 7-0.

In regards to Ms. Corens suggestion that boat owners should be allowed to advertize in the City Newsletter, the Committee generally felt that the newsletter was not an appropriate venue to permit advertizing.

2010 Marina Fund Budget

Dana Young presented the 2010 Marina Fund Budget for Committee review.

Boat Usage

Pete Onstad stated that there are two issues related to Boat Usage. The first is how to curtail the abuse of the system where non-residents are using boat mooring spaces and the second is how do you encourage or require current leaseholders to use their boats more frequently.

Warren Nelson suggested putting a notice in the City Newsletter asking permit holders if their current use of the boat justifies the cost of acquiring a permit. He stated that often it only takes this kind of reminder for people to realize that they aren't using their boat enough to justify the expense.

David Irwin recalled that when he vacationed on the Jersey Shores as a child, the local authorities would require each resident to have a residential ID card in order to demonstrate that they are entitled to use the beach. He added that in addition to the residential ID card, a certain number of guest passes could be issued to allow guests or non-residents to use the boat each season.

Michael Kelly stated that he liked the idea but felt any control on usage boiled down to enforcement. He stated that he would like to have the City Attorney draft something in the Mooring Lease Agreement on usage that would require only the permit holder and immediate family to be the primary user.

Warren Nelson added that abuse could also be lessened if the City would issue a different colored parking permit for residents with mooring permits. He stated that this would certainly help to cut down on the number of non-residents using the mooring spaces.

Pete Onstad stated that he appreciated the different ideas suggested this evening and recommended that the Committee continue to flesh out these and other suggestions for limiting abuse and encouraging more boat usage from current permit holders.

Light Pole Extension Quote

Dana Young stated that Frontier Electric gave a quote of \$200 per light pole to add another two feet to the St. Louis Bay dock light poles.

Other

Pete Onstad noted that several residents approached the City Council about removing the No Fishing sign at the Breakwater Dock. He stated that the City Council consented to remove the sign at their last Council meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Michael Kelly, seconded by Larry Parkhurst. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Boat Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2009.