

DEEPHAVEN BOAT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2008
MINUTES

Call Meeting to Order

Vice-Chairman Pete Onstad called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present

Pete Onstad, Sue Jerutis, Jim van Bergen, Steve Pavsek, Michael Kelly, Roy Quaintance, Council Liaison Paul Skrede, City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

David Paulson, Marc Anderson, Larry Parkhurst

May 14, 2008 Minutes

The Committee approved the May 14, 2008 minutes on a motion by Roy Quaintance, seconded by Michael Kelly. Motion carried 6-0.

Matters from the Floor

Mayor Paul Skrede stated that he has received a complaint from Ken Kloock that the riprap along the shoreline at the Shorespace is deteriorating making it more and more difficult to install their private dock. He suggested that one possible solution would be to install posts along the shoreline.

Pete Onstad stated that the Boat Committee had discussed this issue at an earlier meeting with the intent to revisit this issue at a later date. He stated that the Committee had decided that the options were to:

- Do nothing
- Contract with a backhoe to remove the rip rap that had fallen into the water
- Remove and replace the existing rip rap with larger boulders
- Install a boardwalk with permanent fingers

Mitch Landis, 18985 Lake Avenue, stated that he was present to object to the ordinance that established a ten-year term limit for any new dock permit holders. He stated that he didn't think it was fair that every dock permit holder was not limited to the same ten-year term limit.

Pete Onstad stated that the ordinance change was the Council's effort to do something positive on term limits while respecting those that already had a dock. He stated that it continues to be a difficult issue with many conflicting views.

Breakwater Dock Proposal

The Committee continued their discussion on the bid from Minnetonka Portable Dredging for the construction of a dock over the breakwater structure in the amount of \$16,940.00.

Mayor Skrede stated that the City Council had discussed the breakwater dock bid and the Council would like to see some sort of visual depiction of the proposed dock.

Discussion was held on defining what type of railing to construct on the dock.

Motion by Steve Pavek to construct a railing consisting of 10" pilings, 8' on center, with a steel cable or rope through the center, to a height of 4' or 42", whichever is considered a standard railing height. Seconded by Michael Kelly. Motion carried 6-0.

Steve Pavek and Michael Kelly stated that they would get together to put together several photos of the proposed dock for the Council to review.

Preliminary Site Plan for St. Louis Bay Docks

Dana Young stated that he would review the preliminary site plan with the LMCD staff to get their comments on the plan. He stated that he would report back to the Committee on the results of the meeting.

Boat Measurements

Discussion was held on the measurement of Bruce Crist's boat and the measurement of boats on slides that was conducted earlier in the day by several representatives of the Boat Committee.

Pete Onstad stated that there appeared to be at least several boats that might be in violation of the ordinance. He noted that one of the boats was missing a license number, a couple of boats were wider than the 5' 4" requirement, and one boat was reportedly used by a non-resident. Dana Young stated that staff would check into each of these issues.

Further discussion was held regarding the length of Bruce Crist's boat. Pete Onstad stated that the Committee could take several actions regarding the length of Mr. Crist's boat:

- Inform Mr. Crist that the length of his current boat is not in compliance with the ordinance and that 2008 will be the last year that he will be granted a permit for that particular boat.
- Take no action.
- Grandfather the length of Mr. Crist's boat due to the fact that his boat was in compliance with the boat length definition in effect at the time he purchased his boat.

Motion by Steve Pavek to grandfather the length of Mr. Crist's current boat due to the fact that Mr. Crist purchased his boat with the understanding that the length of his boat was in compliance with the boat length definition that was in effect at the time of his purchase. Seconded by Sue Jerutis. Motion carried 6-0.

Boat Issues

The Committee reviewed a notice that State Senator Gen Olson and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will be holding an informational meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at Wayzata City Hall to review changes on aquatic plan management rules that would include:

- Reduce the amount of submersed aquatic plant control allowed in waters adjacent to a property's shoreline
- Sunset the grandfather clause in five years which has allowed Carson's and St. Louis bays of Lake Minnetonka to exceed lake-wide limits of pesticide control of aquatic plants
- Provide criteria for determining when variances are necessary to control invasive aquatic plants

Paul Skrede stated that he is hopeful that there will be a number of representatives from Deephaven at this meeting.

Pete Onstad stated that he thought this proposed action was peculiar due to the fact that both St. Louis Bay and Carson's Bay are two of the cleanest bays on Lake Minnetonka.

Paul Skrede stated that he believes it would be important for this issue to be perceived as a citywide issue and not just a lakeshore owner issue.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Steve Pavsek, seconded by Sue Jerutis. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Boat Committee will be held on Wednesday, July 9, 2008.