

**DEEPHAVEN BOAT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2011
MINUTES**

Call Meeting to Order

Vice-Chairman Michael Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Members Present

Sue Jerutis, Warren Nelson, Michael Kelly, Roy Quaintance, David Irwin, David Matteson, City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

Tom Drummond, Jim van Bergen

February 9, 2011 Minutes

The Committee approved the February 9, 2011 minutes on a motion by Warren Nelson, seconded by David Irwin. Motion carried 5-0.

Matters from the Floor

There were no Matters from the Floor this evening.

LMCD Staff Comments on Dock Plan

Sue Jerutis enters at 7:06 p.m.

Dana Young stated that he met with LMCD staff member Judd Harper to review the proposed dock plan of Carson's Bay. He stated that Mr. Harper continues to express concern about the northern portion of the proposed dock plan that extends over the current dock area and about those additional dock slips that fall within the envelop of the existing docks. Mr. Harper stated that the LMCD Board has always expressed concern over an increase in the total number of BSU's or total increase in the square footage of dock space that is created over the 100' dock area.

Further discussion was held concerning Randy Boyd's proposed 100' dock on the west side of the Carson's Bay docks. Dana Young stated that, according to Judd Harper, Mr. Boyd didn't need a variance when he sent in an application requesting a 100' dock since that is a permitted length. In addition, Mr. Boyd's current setback line would be from his existing property line and not the arbitrary property line established by the City and Mr. Boyd.

Dana Young stated that Judd Harper also recommended that the City might want to consider consulting with a dock contractor to get his ideas on a potential dock configuration. He stated that dock contractors are very familiar with a variety of different dock designs and with LMCD requirements.

Further discussion was held on whether the dock plan should be submitted as is or whether the plan should be revised to reflect Mr. Harper's comments.

Warren Nelson stated that he would recommend submitting our current plan with the hope of obtaining approval of the plan without having to further compact the docks to fit within the existing dock configuration.

David Irwin suggested that multiple dock designs could be presented to the LMCD.

Dana Young stated that Mr. Harper seemed pretty adamant that the LMCD Board would object to any extension of docks beyond the existing length of 138'. He stated that his main concern would be if the LMCD Board also had an objection to the 8 new dock slips that fell within the envelop of our existing docks. He stated that if these were eliminated, we might as well go back to our current dock configuration since we wouldn't gain any additional dock slips if the 8 new dock slips were eliminated.

Further discussion was held on the potential impact on narrowing the maneuvering distance from 42' in order to compact the docks so that they no longer extended north past the existing docks.

Motion by Warren Nelson to recommend submitting the current plan to the LMCD. The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by David Irwin to revise the dock plan to meet the existing northern length of the existing docks by modifying the maneuvering distance and the distance of the southern dock leg. Seconded by Roy Quaintance. Motion carried 5-1.

Open Buoy Mooring Spaces

Dana Young stated that there are currently 10 open buoy mooring spaces available for the 2011 season. He stated that he approached the City Council on March 7th about the Boat Committee's request to make these buoy mooring spaces open to all residents, including all current permit holders according to the following conditions:

1. Adopt Ordinance No. 09-24, which would enable all current permit holders – Class A and Class B – to obtain a second permit for an open watercraft space such as the currently available buoy spaces. The two conditions contained in the ordinance are that the watercraft space must be open and available for leasing as of May 1st and all residents on the waiting list for that particular watercraft space must have declined the opportunity to lease the space.
2. Publish notice of the open and available buoy spaces in the April Newsletter, thereby giving all residents an equal opportunity to lease a buoy space. The residents must inform the City of their interest in leasing an open watercraft space on or before May 1st.
3. If the number of interested residents exceeds the number of available watercraft spaces, the City will conduct a raffle to determine who is awarded the available spaces. If the number of interested residents doesn't exceed the number of available watercraft spaces, all of the interested residents will have the opportunity to lease a buoy.

He stated that the City Council agreed with the plan to make these open buoy spaces available to the public and amended Ordinance No. 09-24 to allow all current permit holders the opportunity to obtain a second permit. He stated that he doesn't expect all 10 open buoy spaces to be leased but is hopeful that 3 or 4 would eventually be leased.

Slide Spaces in St. Louis Bay

Dana Young reported that there are three slide spaces in St. Louis Bay that are almost completely surrounded by sand and no longer access the lake. He stated that the options are either not leasing these slide spaces for 2011 or excavating the sand. If the latter course is selected, a permit would be

required from the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District. He stated that the Committee will have the opportunity to review these slide spaces later this spring.

Warren Nelson suggested that the City could consider purchasing three aluminum rowboats for these slides and allow the public to rent the rowboats.

Dana Young stated that this idea has also been suggested several times as a way to provide access to sailboats, which would help to free up additional slide spaces.

David Irwin asked how many buoy holders also had slide spaces.

Dana Young stated that he would estimate that about 25 buoy holders also have a slide space.

Dana Young stated that further discussion on the purchasing of rowboats could be held after a decision is made on what should be done with the slide spaces.

Review Ramp Dock Layout

Dana Young presented the site plan for the make ready dock at the Carson's Bay launch for Committee review. He stated that the site plan is not an official survey but it does indicate that there appears to be plenty of room to the north to potentially add on to the make ready dock to accommodate more boat traffic. He stated that he thought it would be unlikely if the Council would want to upgrade the make ready dock at the same time as the reconstruction of the Carson's Bay docks due to cost concerns.

Further discussion was held on how much of an upgrade on the make ready dock would be appropriate since it is used so much by non-residents and an upgrade might only encourage more use of the Carson's Bay launch by non-residents.

Fire Lanes

Dana Young presented a Fire Lane report for Committee review.

Other

Dana Young stated that the City has received a request from a resident to place a 1989 Sylvan boat on a B1 Slide that had a length of 18'8". He stated that the maximum length for a boat on a B1 Slide is only 17 feet. The Committee stated that they would not support a boat of that length on a B1 Slide.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Michael Kelly, seconded by Roy Quaintance. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Boat Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2011.