

DEEPHAVEN BOAT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2011
MINUTES

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Susan Jerutis called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Members Present

Susan Jerutis, Warren Nelson, Jim van Bergen, Michael Kelly, Roy Quaintance, David Irwin, David Matteson, City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

Tom Drummond

March 9, 2011 Minutes

The Committee approved the March 9, 2011 minutes on a motion by Michael Kelly, seconded by Jim van Bergen. Motion carried 7-0.

Matters from the Floor

There were no Matters from the Floor this evening.

Carson's Bay Dock Plans

Discussion was held regarding three alternate design plans for the Carson's Bay docks:

- The revised Carson's Bay dock plan detailing a modification in the dock length to coincide with the length of the original docks
- A modified plan reflecting the design of Excelsior's docks as recommended by the City Council
- A plan showing the modified original docks

The Committee discarded the Excelsior style dock plan as it lacked adequate maneuvering space and took up much more space than the other dock designs, resulting in only 39 dock slips.

The Committee also discarded the modified original dock plan because the docks were situated too closely to the shore, leaving only 20 feet for boats on slides to try to maneuver out to the lake. The members concluded that at least four slips would have to be eliminated to allow for proper slide maneuvering space, which would result in only 40 dock slips.

Motion by Warren Nelson to recommend the Revision May 25, 2011 dock plan to the Council as the final recommended dock plan. Seconded by David Irwin. Motion carried 7-0. The Committee further recommended that the City Council may want to consider moving the south walkway two feet further to the shore, thereby increasing the interior maneuvering space from 40' to 42'.

New Member

Discussion was held on the need to find a new member to replace the expired term of Marc Anderson. The Committee recommended inviting potential applicants to their next meeting.

Email Contacts

Susan Jerutis stated that she attempted to have her sailboat launched on May 23rd only to learn that the Carson's Bay ramp was closed for repairs. She stated that she would have preferred to have learned about the ramp repairs earlier and suggested that should be a standard policy for the City should to have emailed all permit holders about the ramp closure and on any other important notification such as the June 1st Deadline..

Dana Young agreed that he would have preferred to provide advance notice to all permit holders but the window of opportunity to have Minnetonka Portable Dredging come in and repair the ramp was just too small. He stated that Tom Niccum with Minnetonka Portable Dredging called on Friday, May 20th stating that work on another project had stopped and he would be able to come in on Monday, May 23rd to repair the ramp. He stated that agreed to have the contractor repair the ramp on such short notice because he didn't want the project delayed any further. He stated that he would have preferred the opportunity to provide permit holders advance notice but there wasn't sufficient time to send out a letter and the City's website does not allow for a group email option.

He stated according to staff member Deborah Hicks, in addition to the City's website lacking a group email option, there have also been other problems with group emails in the past, including:

1. Handwritten emails are very often difficult to decipher from forms filled out by residents because there can be so many little dots and lines and a "Z" can be a 2, etc. When the email address is even off by one little dot or one letter, the whole email bounces back.
2. If several email addresses are incorrect, the same email bounces back several times filling up the in-box and often without providing any clear indication as to which exact email was causing the problem.
3. People change their email addresses often, move or want to be removed, which means searching through the group of 312 permit holders just to delete a single email address or enter in a new one if it had changed.

Dana Young stated that the City might need to explore a new website that offers a group email option in order to have the opportunity to run large group emails.

Other

Discussion was held regarding measuring boats on slides this year. Dana Young stated that since most of the boats haven't changed, he would recommend that staff would simply measure the few new boats to ensure everyone was in compliance with width requirements.

Dana Young noted that there aren't a lot of urgent discussion items coming up in the next few months so there is a real possibility that there won't be another Boat Committee meeting until September.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Roy Quaintance, seconded by Warren Nelson. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.