
RESOLUTION PROPOSAL

DATE: July 23, 2009

SUBJECT: Community Fishing Pier

SPONSOR: Ted Makranczy

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

For seven months the Community Fishing Pier Working Group has been researching the installation of an ADA compatible fishing pier within the community. Various sites were inspected and judged on suitability. Tufton Lake was chosen as the best available location. The lake bottom was surveyed to determine where deep water begins and to determine the optimal site along the shoreline for the pier. A wooden, modular, floating pier with polyethylene floats was chosen as the best design in terms of affordability, ease of construction and function. The pier must be long enough to reach deep water from the gradually sloping shoreline. The pier will be constructed in the shape of a "T". At this site, the base must reach approximately 80 feet from shore. The cross piece will measure 50 feet by 11 feet. Because LMOA policy limits docks and pier to not more than 8 feet from shore, a waiver is required for ECC approval of the pier which will reach a total of 91 feet from shore (80 foot base length plus 11' cross piece width). To reduce cost, we propose to build the pier with volunteer labor. To ease the financial burden on residents with limited funds, we propose to raise the money through voluntary contributions. Material costs are estimated to be \$25,000. The finished pier will be the property of LMOA. With a useful life estimated to be 20 years, the cost of maintenance is estimated to be less than \$1,400 per year or \$0.34 per household per year if volunteers perform the work. If needed, contracted labor would add \$500 per year. This results in an annual cost of \$1,900 or \$0.46 per household.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the request to allocate the site for the pier, grant the 8 foot limit waiver request, give permission to the working group to assemble an organizational structure to handle donations and once that organizational structure is approved, grant permission to raise the funds.

PROPOSED FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Construction costs to be raised through voluntary contributions. Maintenance costs of approximately \$1,900 per year to fully replace the pier in 20 years.

PROPOSED SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Voluntary contributions from lake residents, local businesses, service clubs and donations at various fund raising events. Construction performed by volunteers. Maintenance, from general funds.

STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE:

Amenities, Item 2.2.v Provide and maintain high quality recreational and social amenities, Fishing, Build handicap-compatible fishing pier.

POSSIBLE MOTION:

Move that the Board of Directors reserve the proposed site on Tufton Lake for construction of the pier. Further, the Board hereby grants a waiver to permit the pier to extend up to 91 feet from shore. The Board grants permission to the Working Group to assemble an organization to collect the funds. Upon approval of that organization by the Board, fund raising activities may begin.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOW-UP: Ted Makranczy, Community Fishing Pier Working Group