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 Subject: The Epworth Forest Community Pier

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There have been many questions from individuals in the Epworth Forest community regarding the status of EFAC's "Community Pier". At this time, EFAC doesn't necessarily have all the answers, but we can provide some insight to our thinking and progress and we ask for your proposed solutions and leadership. All of you should have received a notice that EFAC has applied for a DNR permit to relocate the current 24-slip Community Pier structure from the "Kokomo Grace/Huntington Trinity" vicinity to the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> Trail, along the easement in our Epworth Forest community. Kokomo Grace United Methodist Church contacted EFAC and requested that the Community Pier no longer be on the shoreline near their residence, therefore EFAC is investigating alternative options in order to avoid any displacement of the many offshore assignees at the community pier.

There would be 14 offshore homeowners (17 assignments) that would no longer have pier assignments on the lake if we were to remove the existing structure near the EF Conference's Beach House. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Trail easement location referred to in the DNR application is on the west end of the Epworth Forest neighborhood and has 150 feet of shoreline not occupying anyone's individual land/property. For those two reasons, EFAC determined it was a logical idea to pursue this area as an alternate location for the Community Pier. DNR requires that a group pier (the term used for a pier of 5 slips or more) be no more than ½ the width of the lot/shoreline it is placed on. DNR also requires that a group pier has a 10 foot buffer of open water on each side of the structure. The Community Pier structure that we are currently using is 50 feet wide, therefore 70 of the 150 feet of shoreline would be utilized by the Community Pier, with 80 feet remaining.

A valid question from the 7 individual offshore shoreline pier assignees currently located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Trail easement (assignments 12A-H) is: "What will happen to MY assignment if the Community Pier is relocated here?". EFAC has not yet made any decision that can answer that question, but options have been discussed. Options could include using the remaining 80 feet for "shared" piers among the 7 owners. Shared piers (which do not require DNR approval) can be a single pier structure with 2-4 slips/assignments. Another option is to use the remaining open slips on the Community Pier for the current 2<sup>nd</sup> Trail assignees. A third option is to do a combination of both – some assignees on the Community Pier and some on shared piers. The objective is to not displace ANYONE'S pier assignment with a relocation of the existing Community Pier.

Another question from individuals residing near 2<sup>nd</sup> Trail concerns parking vehicles on the road near the Community Pier. As with the current Community Pier location, EFAC and/or Epworth Forest does not offer a parking area for vehicles driven to access the Community Pier. There are rules enforced by the 2014 court judgement prohibiting motorized vehicles on the Easement, but EFAC does not administer roads or parking in the neighborhood. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trail would be no different. Parking has not historically been an issue in the last 20+ years of the existing Community Pier. If it were to become an issue for the new location, the appropriate local



- authorities that govern roads and/or illegal parking would need to be contacted immediately by the residents of our community.
- The DNR application has already been reviewed by several groups within DNR, and we are anxiously awaiting approval in order to proceed with further evaluation and decisions. In making these decisions, the EFAC Board needs leadership from YOU, the individuals affected by this relocation. We are asking for your recommendations, solutions, and commitment to this effort in order to reach some decisions. We need LEADERS that are willing to invest time to help meet EFAC's objective of not displacing any of our offshore assignees in Epworth Forest.
- Please email EFAC by April 20th if you can offer your assistance by proposing ideas and solutions. You have a vested interest and EFAC would appreciate your involvement.

Thank you in advance,

EFAC Board of Directors

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