



Interoffice Memorandum

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TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
-AND-
Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: March 26, 2019 – Public Hearing
After-the-Fact Private Boat Ramp Facility Permit Application
for Scott and Holly Greer (BR-18-04-000)

Scott and Holly Greer are requesting an after-the-fact private Boat Ramp Facility Permit to authorize an existing boat ramp along their shoreline of Little Lake Fairview. This request is associated with after-the-fact Shoreline Alteration/Dredge and Fill (SADF) Permit No. SADF-18-04-010. The project site is located at 4138 Shorecrest Drive, Orlando. The Parcel ID for the site is 11-22-29-0692-05-080. The subject property is located in District 5.

In accordance with Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article XV, Section 15-605(d)(2), notification of the public hearing was sent to property owners within 500 feet of the project site. Pursuant to Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article XV, Environmental Protection Division (EPD) staff has evaluated the Private Boat Ramp Permit Application and required documents.

On February 21, 2018, while investigating a complaint of unauthorized dock construction, EPD discovered a boat ramp onsite for which no EPD permit had been issued. EPD later discovered that the boat ramp was originally installed in 2005, prior to the Greer's purchase of the property; however, the boat ramp was resurfaced by them in 2017 without a permit. A Notice of Violation was issued and required that the property owners submit a boat ramp facility permit application. On April 6, 2018 EPD received an after-the-fact Boat Ramp Permit Application.

The concrete boat ramp measures 24 feet long by 12 feet wide with approximately 144 square feet of ramp below the Normal High Water Elevation. The boat ramp is 53.7 feet from the western property line and 135.2 feet from the eastern property line.

An administrative penalty of \$800 has been paid to the Conservation Trust Fund for the unauthorized construction of the boat ramp and associated seawall. Issuance of the after-the-fact Boat Ramp Permit (and SADF Permit) will bring the property into compliance. However, if the aforementioned permits are not approved, the applicants must remove the boat ramp and seawall within 60 days of the decision of the Board.

Staff Recommendation

Approval of the Private Boat Ramp Facility Permit, subject to the following conditions:

Specific Conditions:

1. This permit shall become final and effective upon expiration of the 30 calendar day appeal period following the date of issuance, unless an appeal has been filed within this timeframe. Any appeal shall stay the effective date of this permit until all appeals are resolved.
2. No further construction activities are authorized under this permit. The existing boat ramp is permitted as depicted on the approved survey and “Detail Sheet D4”, as received by the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) on December 28, 2018 and January 14, 2019.
3. Any permit extensions for the approved construction may be approved by way of Consent Agenda if there are no changes. Any requests for permit extension must be received by EPD prior to the permit expiration date.
4. This permit does not authorize any dredging or filling.
5. The permittee may maintain a clear access corridor below the Normal High Water Elevation of 87.75 feet above mean sea level (NAVD88) for Little Lake Fairview, not to exceed 30 feet in width, of sufficient length waterward from the shoreline, to allow access to open water. Any existing or future structures such as a boat dock must be located within this corridor.
6. Native vegetation, including but not limited to bulrush (*Scirpus* spp.), canna (*Canna flaccida*), and duck potato (*Sagittaria* spp.) may not be removed from the shoreline outside of the access corridor.

General Conditions:

7. Subject to the terms and conditions herein, the permittee is hereby authorized to perform or cause to be performed, the impacts shown on the application and the approved drawings, plans, and other documents attached hereto or on file with EPD. The permittee binds itself and its successors to comply with the provisions and conditions of this permit. If EPD determines at any time that activities, including without limitation the performance of the required mitigation, are not in accordance with the conditions of the permit, work shall cease and the permit may be revoked immediately by the Environmental Protection Officer. Notice of the revocation shall be provided to the permit holder promptly thereafter.
8. A copy of this permit, along with EPD stamped and approved drawings, should be taken to the Orange County Zoning Division (OCZD) at 201 South Rosalind Avenue for approval. For further information, please contact the OCZD at (407) 836-5525.

9. After approval by the OCZD, the certified site plans will need to be reviewed by the Orange County Building Safety Division (OCBSD) in order to obtain a building permit. For further information, please contact the OCBSD at (407) 836-5550.
10. Issuance of this permit does not warrant in any way that the permittee has riparian or property rights to construct any structure permitted herein and any such construction is done at the sole risk of the permittee. In the event that any part of the structure(s) permitted herein is determined by a final adjudication issued by a court of competent jurisdiction to encroach on or interfere with adjacent property owner's riparian or other property rights, the permittee agrees to either obtain written consent or to remove the offending structure or encroachment within 60 days from the date of the adjudication. Failure to comply shall constitute a material breach of this permit and shall be grounds for its immediate revocation.
11. This permit does not release the permittee from complying with all other federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations. Specifically, this permit does not eliminate the necessity to obtain any required federal, state, local and special district authorizations prior to the start of any activity approved by this permit. This permit does not convey to the permittee or create in the permittee any property rights, or any interest in real property, nor does it authorize any entrance upon or activities upon property which is not owned or controlled by the permittee, or convey any rights or privileges other than those specified in the permit and Chapter 15, Article XV of the Orange County Code. If these permit conditions conflict with those of any other regulatory agency the permittee shall comply with the most stringent conditions. The permittee shall immediately notify EPD of any conflict between the conditions of this permit and any other permit or approval.
12. The permittee is hereby advised that Section 253.77, Florida Statutes, states that a person may not commence any excavation, construction, or other activity involving the use of sovereign or other lands of the state, the title to which is vested in the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, without obtaining the required lease, license, easement or other form of consent authorizing the proposed use. Therefore, the permittee is responsible for obtaining any necessary authorizations from the Board of Trustees prior to commencing activity on sovereignty lands or other state-owned lands.
13. Should any other regulatory agency require changes to the property or permitted activities, the permittee shall provide written notification to EPD of the change prior to implementation so that a determination can be made whether a permit modification is required.
14. EPD shall have final construction plan approval to ensure that no modification has been made during the construction plan process.
15. The permittee shall immediately notify EPD in writing of any previously submitted information that is later discovered to be inaccurate.

16. EPD staff shall have permission to enter the site at any reasonable time to inspect the property for conformity with the plans and specifications approved by the permit.
17. The permittee shall hold and save the County harmless from all damages, claims or liabilities, which may arise because of the activities authorized by the permit.
18. All costs, including attorney's fees, incurred by the County in enforcing the terms and conditions of this permit shall be required to be paid by the permittee.
19. The permittee agrees that any dispute arising from matters relating to this permit shall be governed by the laws of Florida, and initiated only in Orange County.
20. Turbidity and sediments shall be controlled to prevent violations of water quality pursuant to Rules 62-302.500, 62-302.530(70) and 62-4.242, Florida Administrative Code. Best Management Practices, as specified in the Florida Stormwater, Erosion, and Sedimentation Control Inspector's Manual, shall be installed and maintained at all locations where the possibility of transferring suspended solids into wetlands and/or surface waters may occur due to the permitted activity. If site-specific conditions require additional measures, then the permittee shall implement them as necessary to prevent adverse impacts to wetlands and/or surface waters.
21. Pursuant to Section 125.022, Florida Statutes, issuance of this permit by the County does not in any way create any rights on the part of the applicant to obtain a permit from a state or federal agency and does not create any liability on the part of the County for issuance of the permit if the applicant fails to obtain requisite approvals or fulfill the obligations imposed by a state or federal agency or undertakes actions that result in a violation of state or federal law.
22. Pursuant to Section 125.022, Florida Statutes, the applicant shall obtain all other applicable state or federal permits before commencement of the activity authorized herein.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of Private Boat Ramp Facility Permit BR-18-04-000 for Scott and Holly Greer subject to the conditions listed in the staff report. District 5

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Attachments