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Village of Island Lake Lake Management Committee September 3rd, 2015 Minutes 3720 Greenleaf Ave. Island Lake, IL 60042

Present: Ken, Dave, Liz, Greg, Paul, Fred, Jennifer (Absent – Terry Grinis)
Guests: Sam Cicero, Joe Villarreal, Anthony Sciarrone, Mark Beeson, Wayne Schnell

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.
2. Motion made by Paul and seconded by Fred to approve October 1, 2015 meeting minutes.
3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Boat Tour Final Season Report: (Liz) 12 boats participated raising a total of \$601. \$300.50 went to the Historical Society. The remaining \$300.50 was given to Ed McGinty, the Finance Administrator for the village. Group had a brief discussion regarding future efforts to promote the tours.

b. 5 Month YTD Financial Report: (Paul) Members were provided copies. Budget covers 1 year starting May 1 through April 30. Revenues were outlined and members were given the opportunity to ask questions. Expenses were outlined with additional comments made regarding updating the boat sticker expense, the website renewal not being included, final payment for mosquito spraying wasn't reflected as is the case also for late duckweed chemical purchases. Various other small expenses were mentioned and the expense account that each was included in was explained. Unexpected expenses included lighting for goose removal and additional clips for the PSP mats. Overall revenues will be on target and expenses should be under budget.

(The meeting format was briefly interrupted to inform committee members that Terry Grinis stepped down for personal reasons)

c. Boy Scout Report: (Liz) Group was informed that the boy scouts have inquired about a project involving bat houses. It was confirmed that certificates will be presented by the mayor and that further details and/or arrangements will be handled by Liz.

d. Fish Stocking Update: (Dave) Delivery is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2015 by Keystone on behalf of Lake Pond Solutions (LPS). Delivery charge isn't affected with third party delivery. All species, sizes and quantities have been fulfilled with the budgeted dollar amount.

e. PSP Mat Update: (Paul) Volunteers installed the final 12-13' of PSP mat on land. Boat launch now is comprised of 22-23' of PSP Mat on land and 18' in the water. Feedback from those using the launch has been positive. The compliance certificate will be signed and processed electronically to the Army Corps.

f. Website Update: (Greg) The website has only recently been reassigned and more time is needed to become familiar with the program and format.

g. Channel Park Seawall Update: (Ken) Army Corp of Engineers has approved the permit for the entire project which includes 165' at Channel Park and 28' by Eastway bridge. Work is tentatively scheduled to begin the week of November 9.

h. 2016-2017 Budget Draft Proposal: (Paul & Ken) Draft proposal was verbally outlined and changes to amounts were explained including increases or additions for beach testing, miscellaneous projects and shoreline maintenance. Having Public Works administer mosquito control is being reviewed. It was recommended that although under budget, Lake spraying remain at 15k in anticipation of the purchase of additional chemicals for duckweed and native weed control. Muck eating organisms and fish stocking remain in the budget. The purchase of a new or used boat shared by the Lake Committee, Police Department and first responders is budgeted at 11k and discussions are ongoing with the Mayor and Chief of Police.



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h. (Continued) The seawall project for the little island is budgeted at 29.5k with the Mayor's support. Repairs for the Weedoo aren't anticipated. Group discussed Public Works constructing unloading stations for the Weedoo. Price of boat stickers was discussed and clarified. It was suggested that the Boat Gas & Oil account include Repair & Maintenance. It was decided that it will also be added to the account for the purchase of the boat for any repairs that may be needed immediately in the event that a used boat is purchased. Included in the seawall budget is hydro-seeding Veteran's park to repair any damage sustained during the installation of the seawall. Shoreline maintenance includes items such as a seawall topper or any other unforeseen expense that may occur. Having the seawall installed during winter months was considered and rejected due to the dependence on the weather, ice conditions and the inability to find a contractor willing to perform the job under those conditions. Fish habitat structures remain in the budget for possible future projects.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. 6 vs. 8 Body Committee: (Ken) Group discussed advantages and disadvantages of a 6 body committee versus an 8 body committee. One concern is lack of attendance and the number of members needed to meet the quorum requirements. A counter argument for keeping the member number at 8 was raised, citing the potential contributions new members would make. This issue remains open for discussion at future meetings.

b. Fish Structures: (Ken) All of the fish structures have been placed. Locations have been recorded with GPS coordinates. These coordinates will not be published and kept as part of the committee records.

c. Zebra Mussels: (Ken) Public Works has confirmed that Zebra Mussels have established in Island Lake. There is no remedy in wide practice to eliminate this species. Sunfish may help to control populations as they are thought to feed on the mussels. The committee will conduct more research to confirm if this could be an effective method. The effects on the lake will include a clearing of the water, allowing more sunlight and in turn more favorable conditions for growth of vegetation including undesirable weeds.

d. Lake Booklets: (Paul, Ken) It is anticipated that within 2 weeks, the committee will be provided the materials to assemble the lake booklets. Volunteers will be coordinated to accomplish this task meeting for an hour or so a couple of days before the Thanksgiving holiday.

e. Lake Appearance: (Fred) A tour around the lake revealed the possible need for lakeside address identification. The village board would have to pass an ordinance to make this mandatory. Multiple details would need to be included such as sizing, location and design. The removal of damaged or unsafe piers by Public Works was again addressed. There is a general consensus that this is not the desired solution. The group discussed possible avenues for public notification of required pier maintenance and/or removal. A letter is to be drafted and possibly delivered by the village Building Inspector alerting homeowners who are in violation of the ordinance. The committee and members of the public in attendance discussed organizing volunteers to help those that are unable to remove or repair their piers without assistance. The group discussed an ordinance to cover responsibility of homeowners for the removal of trees, of any condition, that fall from their property into the lake.

f. Use of Tires on Eastway Pier: (Liz) Inquiry was made regarding the replacement of the tires on Eastway pier. The purchase of high quality commercial bumpers has been included in the 2016-2017 budget.

g. Certificates for Boat Tour Volunteers: (Liz) The mayor will be consulted regarding the presentation of certificates for those that volunteered their boats this season.

h. Eastway Announcement Board: (Liz) Inaccurate and/or outdated materials have been removed. Updated material will be posted.



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6. NEW BUSINESS: None discussed.

7. NEXT MEETING: December 3, 2015 at 6:30pm.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

a. Jennifer Villarreal – Asked for clarification of the installation of the seawall on the little island. That clarification was provided along with the announcement that residents affected by the construction will receive a letter notifying them of the opportunity to have stone seawall work on their own property as well if they so desire. Homeowners would be responsible for all expenses. Also asked for clarification on committee size and member attendance to meet requirements.

b. Sam Cicero – Stated that he believed that a committee of 6 would suffice. He doesn't believe the committee will receive more funds than it was awarded last year. He wants to see the committee make more of an effort to share information with the public. He suggested a survey. The group discussed the committee website as the best avenue for the survey and creating an interactive forum. He commented on lakeside address identification pointing out various issues that would need to be decided for the ordinance. He complained that public attendance at the committee meetings was too low and that members should make more effort in getting people involved.

c. Mark Beeson – Stated that he would like for the committee to remain an 8 member body. He agreed that lakeside address identification would be beneficial and made suggestions regarding location, size and design. He commented on the low attendance at meetings and asserted that the committee was in no way responsible for public attendance. He listed different mediums used to provide information to the public regarding community events including newsletters, signs, marquis announcements and flyers. He encouraged committee members to continue in their endeavors as their accomplishments have changed their relevance to the village. He complimented the committee on their ability to complete projects with less assistance from public works utilizing volunteers instead. He believes the budget is well planned and represents the true interest of the residents. He commented on the notification of residents with damaged piers and unsafe structures affirming that action needs to be taken balancing ordinance enforcement with compassion.

d. Joe Villarreal – Suggested and volunteered to attach a banner to his boat promoting the website, surveys and other information useful for the residents.

d. Wayne Schnell – Suggested that violations of the pier ordinance be addressed on a case by case basis allowing for a resident's individual circumstance be taken into consideration when developing a solution. He suggested that all residents be notified of the general beautification and maintenance of properties as this may prompt them to assist a neighbor in need.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

a. Motion by Fred with second by Greg to adjourn. Meeting ended at 7:35pm.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Villarreal