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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, and Fred (Absent – Terry Grinis)
Guests: Sam Cicero, Joe Villarreal, Jennifer Villarreal

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M..
2. Motion made by Dave and seconded by Paul to approve the August 6th Meeting Minutes.
3. Village Board Meeting update: Ken reported to the Village Board that about 100k pounds of Duckweed has been harvested from the lake so far and that chemicals will soon be used to kill off the thinner areas of the Duckweed. Since the duckweed harvester has collected a large majority of the duckweed, chemical treatment of the thinner areas can now be minimal.
4. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Duckweed Treatments: Ken restated to the LMC members that 100K pounds of Duckweed has been removed from the lake. He also stated that the WeeDoo tried going into Circle Lagoon but couldn't because of too shallow water on the entrance channel; the WeeDoo also went into Forest Bay but was not effective because the Duckweed was "too thin". The Weedoo made its way east of Eastway bridge where the water was too shallow to harvest. Ken then said minimal chemicals (after all required permits were obtained from the EPA and DNR) would be used to kill off thin areas of Duckweed where the WeeDoo was ineffective. Liz asked if the "bubblers" in Circle Lagoon were working. Dave responded by saying 1 of the 3 "bubblers" was not working. Liz also mentioned observing excess weedy areas with Ken saying these are good, native weeds (Coontail and American Elodea). Ken also said next year we will (with Clarke Spraying input) look at how to deal with these excess weedy areas.
 - b. Hire Temporary LMC Secretary: Paul proposed to the LMC members that with the departure of Emily there is a need to hire a Secretary to take meeting minutes. Paul suggested internal volunteers is not a good organizational model and takes away incentive to address the problem. Liz asked if a hired Secretary has to be a LMC member. Greg had looked into this anticipated question and stated that a Secretary does not have to be a committee member.
 - c. Fred made a motion to hire a temporary LMC Secretary with a second by Liz: Motion passed.
 - d. Fish Structure: Ken displayed a sample (5 Gal. Bucket with 8 pieces of 4' cut tubing with concrete yet to be inserted) structure piece to the group. He said pieces like this would be dropped in no less than 6' water depths. Ken said there are various lake areas where this structure can be dropped and would be a minimum of 100ft -150ft from shore as to not interfere with swimmers and waders). Tentatively, the Village pontoon boat would be the carrier to drop off sites. Assembly will most likely take place at Village hall or Veterans Park (TBD). Ken mentioned that much of the materials (buckets and concrete) have been donated by The McHenry Home Depot. Liz stated she contacted Dale, an adult administrator from Scout Pack #131 in Wauconda, about securing volunteers to help LMC on this project. Dale did not yet get back to Liz. She will follow up with him. The scout age group S/B between 12-17 years old and we're hoping for 10-12 volunteers. Ken said he hopes to finish this project by the end of September, and suggested if the scouts did not have the availability, we should still move forward to have the structures in place before October if possible.
 - e. 2 Stroke Motor Letter: Paul had the group review a proposed letter informing motor owners of the new ordinance disallowing 2 Stroke motors effective April of 2022. There were no objections to the letter content. Paul said he would "inventory" owners of 2 Stroke motors and send the OK'd letter to them. Paul will provide a list of said owners to LMC members at next meeting. Liz asked how to obtain a list of owners that have 2 Stroke motors that are not in the water.



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5. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Liz mentioned a host of lake rule violations both observed and from comments received from people on Boat Tours: Violations include no boat stickers, kids w/o life jackets, ignoring 75' no Wake rules, and dilapidated docks and piers. An absence of the Police boat patrol was mentioned. Ken suggested Liz call the Police when lake violations were observed. There was some discussion about which direction boats should use when circling the lake; Ken said counter clockwise is the general rule to follow. Liz asked about the PSP launch and finish up timetable; Paul said he sent Brian an email stating only 12' more land coverage is need and asked to be informed when ILPW was doing the final phase. Paul suggested a few LMC members could finish it if ILPW could not fit in the time before the end of this year's boating season. Ken reiterated that the Public Works crews have been extremely busy, especially trying to complete the salt storage shed before bad weather. Liz asked about docks in bad condition, if we were sending letters, taking them out of the water or getting public works to help. Ken said Fred was in contact with Building Inspector Schnell and will follow up with him. Liz reported that as of 8-17-15, 457 boat stickers had been sold plus 12 non-resident stickers. Liz also proposed that boat owners who let us use their pontoon boats on lake tours be given free boat stickers next year. Ken gave his strong opinion that this is not a good idea because its unfair to residents and many people donate their time and materials as volunteers without expectations. Ken suggested a donation is just that, "a donation". Paul suggested a Village thank you letter be sent to the boat owners that helped on the tours and Ken suggested a certificate of appreciation. Liz concluded by saying that there were less boats available and less people signing up this year ~vs~ last year for Boat Tours.

b. Dave asked Ken if a DNR electroshocking (for carp) was scheduled. Ken said nothing is currently set up as the DNR have been very busy.

c. Ken said he would follow up with Lake Pond Solutions regarding fall stocking and availability of 6-8" SM Bass. He will CC: Dave with his inquiries.

d. Paul asked Greg on Steel Seawall status upstream from Eastway Street. Greg and Ken said the Army Corps of Engineers has some issues with placement of the steel and GPS coordinates given on the permit application, however that has been resolved and we are currently waiting for the Army Corps permit.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. None discussed.

7. Next meeting scheduled for October 1st at 6:30 P.M.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

a. Sam Cicero stated that he found little internet info on locating lake bottom springs. Greg and Ken concurred with Sam's statement. Greg stated that water temp changes could be an indicator of lake bottom springs. Ken said he would contact the DNR to see what ideas they may have if any.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

a. Motion by Liz with second by Dave to adjourn. Meeting ended at 7:14 P.M..

Minutes submitted by Paul Meindl