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## Village of Island Lake Lake Management Committee August 4th, 2016 Minutes 3720 Greenleaf Ave. Island Lake, IL 60042

Present: Ken, Paul, Liz, Dave, Greg, Fred, Joe, Jennifer  
Guests: Sam Cicero, Eric Nelson, Steve Sepowlin, Emily Funn, Anthony Sciarrone, Mike Guenerd, Brian Bartnick

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.
2. Motion made by P. Meindl and seconded by D Sobieski to approve July 7, 2016 meeting minutes.
3. Village Board Meeting Update (K. Wick) Much of the information from the last meeting will be covered on this agenda.
4. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. Fine Increase for Boat Sticker Non-Compliance: (K. Wick) LMC agreed 6 to 2 to propose a minimum \$50 fine for sticker non-compliance. Motion approved by P. Meindl and seconded by G. Nemeth.
  - b. Unattended Fishing Poles: (P. Meindl) LMC continued discussion of proposing an ordinance to enhance Illinois state law regarding unattended fishing poles. LMC decided to research ordinances of surrounding villages.
  - c. Beach Cleanup: (P.Meindl) LMC discussed periodic raking of the swimming areas to remove debris. This would need to be done by volunteers. LMC discussed applying a dual chemical treatment prior to the opening of the beaches to fight the algae growth. Granules and surface spray was agreed as a possible option late spring 2017. The deterioration of beach seawalls was also discussed.
  - d. Fish Stocking Fall 2016: (P.Meindl) LMC discussed but decided against an alternative option. It was agreed to use the entire budget to purchase red ear sunfish to combat zebra mussel infestation (This action was approved at the August meeting). If however, LMC is unable to use all monies for this particular fish due to availability, other recommended species will be added to the purchase.
  - e. Blue Green Algae: (K. Wick) Notice has been posted on the village website warning of the presence of this toxic organism. LMC endorses educating the public and discussed the ineffectiveness and unreliability of chemical treatments for control. Cooler temperatures will ultimately rid the lake of this nuisance.
5. OTHER BUSINESS
  - a. Pier Repair Notices: (J. Villarreal) Notices have been sent by the building inspector to the properties identified last month to be in need of repair, removal or replacement by the LMC.
  - b. Eastway Pier Bumpers: (J. Villarreal) LMC has purchased the bumpers but are waiting for the water quality to improve as one of the pier supports needs to be repositioned prior to the installation of the bumpers.
  - c. Boat Sticker Non-compliance Bulletin: (J. Villarreal) A large brightly colored banner is going to be posted at Eastway Park stating that boat stickers are required. LMC also discussed additional signage notifying the public of this ordinance.
  - d. Removal of Boat Barrier After Fireworks: (J. Villarreal) LMC discussed removing the disposable conduit and roping/flagging immediately following the fireworks display. This past installation wasn't removed due to weather and other issues taking priority which resulted in some of the conduit pieces and rope being displaced, sinking in unknown fashion or otherwise interfering with resident activities.
  - e. Accommodating Boaters at Public Beach Areas: (J. Villarreal) LMC discussed the feasibility of accommodating boaters at public beaches where space is available. LMC agreed that Dorothy and Park Beaches are the only area that may be viable options. LMC will measure shoreline and give results at next meeting. LMC left the subject open to further discussion.
  - f. Lakeshore Property Identification: (P. Meindl) Very few residents have posted their house number on the lakeshore side of their property. LMC revisited proposing an ordinance requiring lakeshore property identification.
  - f. Ordinance Violations and Complaints from Residents: (L. Nelson) Kayakers have been observed bringing their boats into the swimming areas and pulling their boats up onto beaches. LMC was reassured by Chief of Police that ILPD makes routine stops at beach areas to observe boaters and enforce ordinances. A resident observed a large lighted sign posted in a resident's yard that read "BAR". Pontoons were observed near the beach at Veteran's Park during the firework celebration. Park & Rec representative present at the meeting informed LMC that the swimming buoys had been removed for the seawall installation. Residents observed kayakers coming onto Brier Beach.
  - g. Boat Sticker Sales: (L. Nelson) 483 of the 500 resident stickers have been sold. If the resident sticker inventory is depleted, residents will be issued a non-resident sticker but pay the resident fee.



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6. NEXT MEETING: September 1, 2016 at 6:30pm.
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
  - a. Emily Funn – Voiced concern about the Blue Green Algae and beach closings. LMC and Parks & Rec representative that was present stated that there are no government recommendations for closures. Government entities endorse posting notices and educating the public of the risk. Inquired about Park Beach land use if it were to close. LMC stated that this is not a LMC decision and should be addressed with the Village Board.
  - b. Sam Cicero – Voiced concern about Blue Green Algae and the effects at Slocum Lake. Inquired about the expense of man hours used by the ILPD on the newly purchased patrol boat to enforce ordinances. Suggested that ILPD have stickers available to purchase from the patrolling officers. LMC stated that this option has been addressed. LMC stated that progress is being made in this area and patience is appreciated. Inquired about legal fees associated with new ordinances and enforcement. LMC informed that legal fees are drawn from the general fund and do not impact the LMC budget. Agreed with the LMC motion to use the entire fish stocking budget on red ear sunfish to help control the threat of Zebra Mussel infestation.
  - c. Eric Nelson – Voiced concern with an additional ordinance regarding unattended fishing poles and the language used in writing the ordinance. Stated that this should not be decided on by personal ethics. Endorsed public parks being more accessible to the community. Suggested small areas for kayak launching. LMC stated that particular ordinances are in place due to past incidents; these ordinances would have to be changed. Suggested a budget that allowed for large flagstone to be installed one area at a time enabling more accessibility and is maintenance free. LMC stated that many options have been contemplated. Funding is ultimately the issue along with immediate needs. Every decision has been made with future needs in mind. Reiterated the endorsement of flagstone citing accessibility by more of the public. LMC informed that grants have been secured and the LMC is legally obligated to use the money as granted. (Attendee Steve Sepowlin joins the discussion). Inquired about springs. LMC responded that the LMC will continue to research this option.
  - d. Steve Sepowin – Inquires as to the additional cost of installing flagstone. Stated that the additional money can be raised privately and commits to \$25,000. LMC provided financial information regarding the seawalls that have been installed, materials used and additional cost if other materials had been used. Stated that the additional funding could be raised. LMC stated that funds must be raised prior to proposal of the budget for these projects. (LMC suggests an option for Dorothy Beach) LMC may propose installing a pier(s) at Dorothy beach and Park beach. Stated that his ultimate goal is the health of the lake and the resident's enjoyment of the lake. Agrees with the suggestion to make beaches (where viable) more accessible to kayakers and boaters.
  - e. LMC reassured public attendees that the LMC will not base decisions on personal ethics and is committed to the health and recreational attributes of the lake and asked for their continued support. Public response was positive. LMC informed the attendees of the presentation that will be presented regarding dredging at the next meeting and LMC member's interest in joining the Illinois Lake Committee that is a resource for the latest technologies in lake management.
8. ADJOURNMENT:
  - a. Motion by P. Meindl with second by F. Burghardt to adjourn. Meeting ended at 8:46pm.

Minutes submitted by  
Jennifer Villarreal