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Village of Island Lake Lake Management Committee May 5th, 2016 Minutes 3720 Greenleaf Ave. Island Lake, IL 60042

Present: Ken, Fred, Paul, Liz, Dave, Joe, Greg (Absent – Jennifer)
Guests: Sam Cicero, Anthony Sciarrone, Jim Metzner

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.
2. Motion made by Paul and seconded by Fred to approve April 7, 2016 meeting minutes.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Lake Weed Treatment: (Ken) Clarke Aquatics will be using a different chemical, Diquat, this year which should prove to be \$2,000 - \$3,000 less expensive and just as effective. The group was provided a plant survey chart and maps of the treatment areas.
- b. Approval of Lake Weed Treatment: (Ken) Motion made by Paul and seconded by Dave for Clarke Aquatics to perform lake weed treatment as mapped and planned to 24.57 acres of Island Lake at \$310/acre for a total of \$7,616.70. Treatments should begin next week.
- c. IDNR Fish Survey: (Ken) Survey is scheduled Friday, May 6. Joe from Public Works will assist in collecting samples. Those interested in observing the process are encouraged to be at Eastway Park at 9am. The report isn't expected until the end of 2016 or beginning of 2017. However, information is usually provided immediately following the survey that briefly outlines the data collected. This is done informally and won't constitute any official record. Harvesting Carp is a future possibility.
- d. IDNR Zebra Mussel Monitoring Program: (Ken) Island Lake LMC Chairman seized the opportunity to participate in a Zebra Mussel monitoring program conducted by IDNR. Details regarding method of observation and location of apparatus will be discussed May 6 while IDNR is on Island Lake for the fish survey. Participation should prove beneficial in learning the distribution and rate of reproduction of this species. There is documentation suggesting that Red Ear Sunfish help control Zebra Mussel populations. If introducing and/or increasing this shell cracking species is recommended by IDNR, the LMC will consider their guidance when making plans to stock the lake.
- e. Single Day Boat Pass: (Liz) Group briefly discussed waiving boat fees for students participating in a school sanctioned bass tournament this season. The discussion then turned to day passes for the general public. Administration, costs, benefits and risks of offering a one day pass was discussed with those for and against the idea voicing concerns. Neither the group nor any individual member proposed a comprehensive plan to implement this venture and the subject was tabled indefinitely and can be revisited by request.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Little Island Bay Seawalls: (Paul) Inquiry was made about the status of the Little Island Bay seawall project. LMC Chair informed the group that 2 bids have been obtained. Finding a 3rd company with the equipment needed for the project is proving to be difficult.
- b. Proceeds from Ice Fishing Derby: (Paul) The \$100 raised by the Lion's Club Ice Fishing Derby was deposited into the LMC 2016 Fish Stocking account increasing the funds available to \$2,600.
- c. Muck Eating Organisms: (Paul) Pellets could be purchased within the next 10 days. Individual participation needs to be confirmed to ensure proper distribution of the product once it arrives.
- d. Year to Date Financials: (Paul) Year to date financial information, budget vs. actual, revenue and expense should be prepared in time for the June meeting.
- e. Business Cards for LMC Members: (Fred) Samples were provided to LMC members. The group agreed to inquire with the village staff to see if they would be able to assist with printing one sheet of 10 cards per member.
- f. Ordinance Enforcement: (Fred) The Building Inspector has asked the LMC for assistance with the identification of properties in violation of ordinances relating to docks and piers. The group discussed different aspects of collecting the information the village would need to enforce existing ordinances that focus on safety.
- g. House Number Marking: (Fred) Group continued the discussion regarding the advantages and potential backlash of publicly encouraging lakefront homeowners to mark the lakeside of their property with their house number. Various details including size, material, color and voluntary participation were all deliberated. A brief article outlining this plan may be included in the next newsletter.
- h. Lake Dredging: (Joe) Illinois Lake Committee Association president and Tower Lakes resident, Richard Bahr has agreed to a meeting Saturday, May 7 to discuss lake dredging. LMC hopes to gather information and learn from the experience Mr. Bahr gained from the current dredging project that Tower Lakes undertook 4 years ago. Different points to be discussed include dredging methods, grants, marketing and overcoming obstacles.



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i. New Police Boat: (Dave) Numerous boats have been observed to be in violation of regulations. Status of police boat was requested. LMC Chair informed the group that the engine for the boat is still on order. Arrangements may be made to pick up the boat to install other equipment and specialty items and then return it to the dealer for the engine installation.

The goal remains to have the boat on the water ready for patrol by the end of May. Until then, violation of regulations should continue to be reported to the police. The group discussed a free permanent sticker used in Galena that offers easier recognition and may consider something similar.

j. July 4 Parade: (Liz) Group discussed participation in the 4th of July parade. The new signs advertising the boat tours are going to be posted by the Historical Society after the parade. They will be registering participants for the boat tours. The police boat will not be used to advertise boat tours. The LMC discussed recruiting a resident or company to donate a pontoon boat and trailer for the parade.

k. Location of Fish Structures: (Liz) Status of GPS locations of fish structures was requested. This was discussed in the previous meeting as Section 6.3. GPS coordinates will be provided upon request to individual LMC members and is considered confidential.

5. NEXT MEETING: June 2, 2016 at 6:30pm.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

a. Jim Metzner – Voiced concern regarding his portion of the channel and the negative effects he's experiencing. LMC Chairman along with other LMC members outlined the current long term plan and the benefits of him and adjacent properties allowing access to Parks & Rec for weed control. Dredging is the only solution for eliminating the odor of decomposition.

b. Sam Cicero – Informed the LMC that his internet search for fishing lakes produced Island Lake as one of the results. He stated that the public doesn't want to come to a lake with a 9.9hp engine restriction. His opinion is that the lake is good for fishing but not very many people come to Island Lake to fish. He expressed his disagreement with restricting access to the lake to canoes and kayaks without Island Lake boat stickers as he felt it wasn't a significant problem. He expressed disagreement with the budget allotted to fish stocking. He disagrees with police enforcement of lake regulations as he feels the resulting fines imposed won't offset the salary paid to the officers assigned to that duty. He also disagrees with one day stickers. He would like to see an announcement in the newsletter that residents are expected to maintain their piers but doesn't feel that enforcement should be imposed harshly. The LMC continues working with the Building Inspector to develop a fair yet effective process for regulation enforcement.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

a. Motion by Paul with second by Dave to adjourn. Meeting ended at 8:00pm.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Villarreal