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Village of Island Lake Lake Management Committee September 1st, 2016 Minutes 3720 Greenleaf Ave. Island Lake, IL 60042

Present: Ken, Paul, Dave, Fred, Joe, Jennifer (absent – Liz Nelson, Greg Nemeth)
Guests: Sam Cicero, Eric Nelson, Mark Simchak, Steve Sepowlin, Anthony Sciarrone, Mike Guenerd, Chuck Cermack

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.
2. Motion made by F. Burghardt and seconded by D. Sobieski to approve August 4, 2016 meeting minutes with revisions.
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) Village board unanimously approved the LMC recommendation to increase the boat sticker non-compliance fee to \$50.
 - b. 2017 Lake Use Sticker Design Ideas: (K. Wick) LMC discussed changing the design to be more easily identified by law enforcement. LMC proposed a bright single color design similar to what has been used in previous years.
 - c. Muck Eating Organisms: (P. Meindl) A total of 250 lbs of muck eating organism pellets were distributed in 4 areas around the lake. LMC believes the applications were moderately successful with an average of 2 -3 inches of muck reduction.
 - d. Unattended Fishing Lines: (P. Meindl) LMC continued the discussion of proposing an ordinance that would include language to more comprehensively restrict unattended fishing poles. LMC consulted with 3 other villages regarding their ordinances. None of those consulted had additional restrictions on their lakes regarding unattended fishing lines. However, they all did express that it was an interesting subject to pursue. Law Enforcement in attendance at the meeting was solicited for an opinion on the subject and expressed their satisfaction with the regulations currently enforced. LMC decided to monitor the problem and keep the subject open to further discussion if it posed a more substantial threat to public safety or the ecology.
 - e. Water Movement Options: (Joe Villarreal) LMC discussed the possible placement of water fountains in strategic areas of the lake to enhance water movement to increase oxygen levels. This would be in conjunction with the other water quality measures the LMC is currently using and future dredging plans. Many different aspects were discussed including electrical service, placement, maintenance and price. LMC will contact Clarke Aquatic Services for consultation.
5. OTHER BUSINESS
 - a. Zebra Mussel Traps: (P. Meindl) Inquiry was made regarding the zebra mussel traps. This project is currently in progress.
 - b. Island Lake Patrol Boat: (P. Meindl) Inquiry was made regarding the goals of law enforcement.
 - c. Oxygen Level Testing: (P. Meindl) Inquiry was made regarding the results of oxygen level testing. LMC may pursue additional testing for nitrogen and phosphorus levels that can contribute to algae growth.
 - d. Pier Repair/Removal: (P. Meindl) Inquiry was made regarding the status of removal/repair of piers in violation. Results haven't been monitored outside of casual observation. The LMC forwarded the properties thought to be the most severe to the village building inspector for enforcement in August and will allow for the appropriate action from the responsible office.
 - e. Lakeside Property Identification: (P. Meindl) Inquiry was made regarding status of village ordinance regarding lakeside property identification. Law Enforcement endorses the idea and LMC will pursue an ordinance requiring residents to mark their property in this manner. It must first be placed on the agenda as an action item.
 - f. Seawall Boulder Add-ons at Brier and Park Beach: (P. Meindl) The Parks & Rec Department has large slate slabs that LMC may be able to utilize in these areas.
 - g. Eastway Pier Guards: (P. Meindl) The pier bumpers have been installed
 - h. Blue-green Algae and Pets: (P. Meindl) Residents are encouraged to protect their pets from exposure to blue-green algae.
 - i. Boating Accessibility at Dorothy Beach: (Jen Villarreal) There is a 30' area of shoreline that could be considered for the installation of a pier or other construction to make the park more accessible to boaters. LMC left the subject open for design ideas and discussion.
 - j. Fish Stocking: (K. Wick) LMC will require a letter of commitment from Richmond Fisheries for the red ear sunfish for fall stocking.



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6. NEXT MEETING: October 6, 2016 at 6:30pm.
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
 - a. Eric Nelson – Inquired about water temperatures required for algae growth. A sustained water temperature of 74 degrees F or higher is needed for this toxic algae. Cooler temperatures in mid to late September should prove to be effective in curbing the toxic algae population.
 - b. Sam Cicero – Contractors are available for beach cleanup. Literature was provided to the LMC. Expressed concern regarding boats parking at Dorothy Beach.
 - c. Chuck Cermack – Expressed support for having more accessibility for canoes and/or kayak launching at Park Beach.
 - d. Mark Simchak – 19 year resident expressed appreciation for efforts of the LMC. Voiced concern regarding residents dumping leaves and other landscape debris into the lake. Inquired about regulations restricting this type of disposal. LMC informed that there are environmental regulations that can be enforced to inhibit this practice.
 - e. Steve Sepowlin – Inquired about lake dredging and tapping natural springs. LMC informed that both projects are being researched and could be viable options. Both projects will entail a substantial amount of funding and legal maneuvering.
8. ADJOURNMENT:
 - a. Motion by P. Meindl with second by Joe Villarreal to adjourn. Meeting ended at 7:50pm.

Minutes submitted by
Jennifer Villarreal