

**Parks and Lake Commission Minutes**  
Village of Island Lake  
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042  
**August 1, 2022, 6:30 p.m.**



1. **Call to Order** at 6:32 p.m. by Chair Eric Acevedo
2. **Roll Call** Present: Eric Acevedo, Tané Howland, Brittany Alers, Lynn Fosco, Trevor Mock and Ed Venner, Absent: Dave Sobieski and Kris Munson.
3. **Approval of July 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes** 1<sup>st</sup>: Brittany Alers and 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lynn Fosco
4. **Public Comment** included do we know who will be our aquatic service for next year, which has not been determined. What mandates beach closing, which is (LCHD) Lake County Health Department. We are part of a state wide (HAB) harmful algae bloom assessment. What caused the floating fish and why don't we stock frogs.

#### **Committee Reports**

5. **Lake Committee Report**  
Kris Munson has stepped down from the committee and we welcome new committee member Ed Venner.
6. **Park Committee Report**  
Punch list with Public Works included tree trimming, solar lighting of signs, mulching, Lighting repairs done at Water tower Park and next will be Veterans Park and Southshore Beach. Propose to move hidden park signs closer to the street, to identify area as a public park. Also, to move forward with making a gravel turn around or designated enter and exit at Eastway boat launch.
7. **Parks and Lakes Survey Review**  
Review of questions indicated that 72% of the people surveyed want areas to enjoy the view of the lake. Lake usage was daily or weekly. Most concerned about the water quality and invasive plants. Interest is in the long-term lake plans. Kayak and canoe rentals.

#### **Old Business**

8. **Suspected Harmful Algae Bloom Update (Protocol, Report, Next Steps)**  
This has been confirmed by LCHD Retesting has been done on 8/1/2022 and will determine when the beaches will be reopened.
9. **Lake Management Plan Update**  
Integrative Lakes Management (ILM) submitted their 70-page 2023-2027 assessment and action plan. Commission to review and the full report will be posted on our website.
10. **Baxter & Woodman Update (Assessment Report)**  
Also submitted their report. Overview divided the Mutton Creek into A, B, & C parts with seven sections. Report will be emailed to group for review. The two groups are talking together ILM and Baxter & Woodman. Commission member noted that we specified a catch basin which is not included in the either report, that will be followed up on.
11. **Eastway BAAD Grant Update**  
Their website is down they want application all electronic. We are postponing our application to 2023. Develop master plan over next year for boat launch and Kayak launching areas.

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12. **Signage Update (Fish Creel, Park Rules/Hours, Kayak Launch, etc.)**  
Changing VOIL ordinance to decrease fish limit. Will be posting new fish limit signs. Also, park usage rules. Winter project to update VOIL Lake Info & Regulations booklet. Signs purchase for parks assigned to Brittney and Lynn. Uniform aluminum metal signs. Flip sign for beach closures eliminating the saw horse posting. Promote Kayak launching signs to direct to Veterans Park. No vehicle access sign to be relocated for Kayak drop off.
13. **Park Vandalism Discussion (Signage, Security Cameras, Lighting, Awareness Protocol)**  
VOIL vandalism to newly restored baseball and basketball courts, causing shut down until security cameras installed. Seasonal hours sunrise to nine PM. Need for more lighting and security cameras. Neighborhood watch programs in area.
14. **Park Usage Discussion**  
Total of 26 parks Several safety issues at Channel Park, discussion for staging area for Mutton creek future lake improvement action plan. Reassessment of parks that are actually being used.
15. **All-Abilities Playground Update**  
Two competitive bids obtained and pursuing a third. Fund raising plans with regional expansion.
16. **Website Update**  
To purge outdated information, Ed to review and work with Georgine on update recommendations. Report HAB, beach closures, and current minutes for community awareness.

#### **New Business**

17. **Kayak Launch at Veterans**  
Three signs from Rt 176 to direct to Veterans beach launching and parking area.
18. **Park Bench Sponsorship**  
To respond to the voice of the survey for lake viewing area bench sponsorship. Repurpose existing benches and cost effect memorial bench with plaque for community use.

#### **Closing**

19. **Commission Member Comments** included: Winter sledding cardboard regatta event. Next parks clean up day set for October 15<sup>th</sup>. Fish crib fall through ice raffle event. Newsletter to go out to all lake front home owners. Illinois Monarch butterfly project for our parks. Coordinating with Public Works on projects. New P&L Commission minutes template Tané to partner with Georgine. Newest Park behind Walgreens. Water Reclamation cleaned up penned in area at Brier Beach. In response to the P&L survey plan an adult event BBQ on the Big Island with bonfire to partner with the historical society on the history of the Big Island.
20. **Public Comment** included: None.
21. **Adjournment**  
1<sup>st</sup> Eric Acevedo and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brittany Alers to adjourn, Time 8:27.

Minutes submitted by Tané Howland

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