

**Parks and Lake Commission Minutes**  
Village of Island Lake  
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042  
Join via Zoom or by Phone; see directions below  
**October 3, 2022, 6:30 p.m.**



1. **Call to Order Time: 6:32**
2. **Roll Call Present:** Eric Acevedo, Tané Howland, Lynn Fosco, Trevor Mock, Dave Sobieski, Ed Venner and Trustee Stacy Pyne. **Absent:** Brittany Alers.
3. **Approval of September 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes:** 1<sup>st</sup> Ed Venner 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Sobieski
4. **Public Comment:** None

**Old Business**

5. **Park Punchlist Update:** Any volunteer work done at the parks, let the public works know if there is any tree trimming brush or garbage to be picked up.
6. **All-Abilities Park Update:** Awaiting the promise of funds from Senator Dan McConchie office, we are the first in line and we will follow up to get an update. Round Lake and Woodstock (OSLAD grant) both also proposing to build and all-abilities park. We can review their websites. The most promising bid of three would be those that include grant writing assistance. Build Illinois does assist with grant writing.
7. **Channel Park Buffer Demonstration Grant:** Grant finished today and sent to Mayor McLaughlin for his signature. We are going to hold off any public works clean-up clearing at the site until January per Lisa Wolford (grant writer) recommendation. As any work done by public works goes towards our 50-50 split in-kind contribution for the project. It has been determined that we do have the authority to raise and lower the spillway to prevent flooding. Especially downstream from Island Lake. We will be attending Fox River 9-Lake watershed meetings and hope for the 319 Grant. Which is a complete watershed stormwater grant. To be in front of these organizations and actively get noticed for what we need. For the shoreline stabilization buffer area, we trying to have it on both sides of the channel. Which is \$20,000 and may have that much in the budget.
8. **Creek Stabilization Update:** Awaiting B&W plan and we are at the Mutton Creek designing phase. We would like a control burn. Plan to maintain planting until they are established and stable. Mark the restricted wetland and grading of area. The private owner is in partnership with P&L commission, may possibly donate that property to the VOIL.
9. **Lake Resident Mailing List and Letter Update:** Information letter to address updates with website links, House addresses on the lake side do help to locate in emergency lake situations, and aid GPS location. Alerts of HAB (harmful algae blooms). Mini newsletter format. To be completed and be sent out the end of next week.
10. **Eastway Board Redesign:** Content redesign addressing four major categories:
  - 1) News and events, like P&L meeting and boat tours.
  - 2) Lake use sticker required with QR code for scanning.
  - 3) Safety information's
  - 4) Restrictions.Commission proposes to moving a sign to the actual launch pier site regarding boat permit required and Creel limit. Light has not been readjusted yet. Public works needs to come out with the bucket truck.

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11. **IDNR Carp Removal:** Will be Thursday 10/20 at 9AM to do electroshocking of the carp. Possibility of a second boat. In need of two volunteers. Will use one of our pre-existing dumpsters from the VIOL. Or use of the front loader and bring to Midwest organics.

## **New Business**

12. **Watershed and Lake Partnerships - Napa Suwe, Wonder Lake:** Diane Kordecki our contact person to partner with and collaborate our projects with. Wonder Lake has already done many projects and are frequently mentioned, and Island Lake is often compared to Wonder Lake. Wonder Lake did do SSA (special service assessment) we had a former SSA that was dissolved.
13. **Sink-the-Crib Planning:** Community fun event similar to sink the lighthouse that the historical society did years ago. Site location of the sink-the-crib site, will be according to depth at the site. Construction materials of the crib donated and ready for construction. Raffle tickets to be sold.
14. **Cardboard Sled Regatta Planning:** Major McLaughlin would like the P&L commission to take on the event. We need to pick a date with a back up date according snow fall, end of January or beginning of February. Information out by December. Rules to be established, fun prizes for best designs, fastest sled. Community suggestion of prize scarfs and hats. VOIL Koozies pop up concessions. Get the community out to enjoy the Converse sled hill & skate park.
15. **Spring Expo Planning:** Plan a vendor's expo inside the VOIL gym date TBD. Vendors suggestions Midwest Organics, Capt. Rod's Seawall, Acers/Yellowstone for native plant. Bench and pavor fund raising. VOIL Garden Club. Advertise and charge for Expo table. Next meeting to list out duties for each commission member.
16. **Repurposed Fountain from the Southport Village Pond:** Now that we have shown interest, they have decided to keep it in storage for another year verse donating it to VOIL.

## **Closing**

17. **Commission Member Comments:**
  - Ed-** None
  - Lynn-** Veterans Park Bench plaques. We have a memorial bench on order
  - Trevor-** Need two volunteers for carp removal if we do get the extra boat. October 15<sup>th</sup> kid's scavenger hunt. Ride their bikes to eleven parks in the old section of town, so the kids don't crossover Rt. 176. Start at Veterans Park at noon and end at Veterans Park. Twenty kids so far, all ages, as long as they can ride a bike. Notify motorist that a scavenger hunt is in process. An adult assigned to each park. Fun for the kid's flyer constructions this week. All are welcome.
  - Tané-** None
  - Dave-** Looking for historical fish stocking data and not hearing back from Richmond Fishery, may have to go with Keystone Hatchery in Richmond. Fall or Spring stocking funds allotted.
  - Stacy-** Will be attending a webinar to eradicate HAB by shocking the blooms and abatement programs with new technology to trap the algae, which has had pretty good success. At present our algae blooms are horrible for as cool as the weather has been. Trevor will be on the same webinar. Raising the price of the boat stickers for 2024. Possible QR code for just recreational daily use, pay on line. Kayak use at Veterans Park with the bridge repair over Lakeview for the Kayaker's to get to the main lake form little island bay. May use Eastway Bay boat launch area during the bridge repair time. Signs need board approval. Fish regulation signs were already board approved. Flip signs for beach closures. Meeting with public works tomorrow to make a decision on sign placement at the beaches. Water mover placed at channel with a generator, still waiting for ComEd to put in electric.
  - Eric-** Great events planned for the community Expo, Cardboard Regatta, and Crib sinking.
18. **Public Comment:** The park equipment at Channel Park is not going to be removed. The equipment is safe and the park is being used by kids. Where does the aquatic plant go along Channel because it does have a seawall. The plants are placed behind the seawall. Trail cleared

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to get access to the channel. Brush clear and cut, roots are still in place. There are piles to burn in the middle of winter by public works. We will notify the public that we are doing the burn with permits.

**Adjournment Time: 8:03 1<sup>st</sup> Eric Acevedo 2<sup>nd</sup> Lynn Fosco**

**Next meeting November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30**

**Minute submitted by: Tané Howland P&L Commission Secretary**

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