

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
November 7, 2022, 6:30 p.m.



1. **Call to Order at 6:30** Issues with Zoom delayed connection.
2. **Roll Call: Present:** Trustee Stacy Pyne, Eric Acevedo, Tané Howland, Brittany Alers, Trevor Mock, Dave Sobieski and Ed Venner. **Absent:** Lynn Fosco.
3. **Approval of October 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes** 1st Ed Venner 2nd Dave Sobieski
4. **Public Comment:** Jeff Doud from the LYAA inquired to when the reopening of the Ball fields will be. VOIL renovations completed, concessions rewired, with PA system. LYAA donated a tractor to the VOIL. Stacey Pyne to follow up. Jdoud@lyaa.org

Old Business

5. **All-Abilities Park Update:** We are next in line for the distribution of funds from Senator Dan McConchie office, earmarked 200,000. After three quotes we submit to the Governor's office which could take four months to a year. We budget and pay, then we get funds reimbursed. Our focus is on fund raising campaign ideas for next years budget. VOIL just switched banks to Wauconda Community Bank and they could be potential donators for our endeavors, i.e., ten thousand dollars for a swing set. We need IDNR approval for removal of play equipment. Based on the original OSLAD grant. Also, the granting approval to install the kayak launch for next year at Veterans Park. Stacey has all the grants and will follow up on approvals.
6. **Park Punchlist Update:** Public Works is really short staffed. Veterans Park sign has been installed. Wind damage to Eastway Park display case has occurred.
7. **IDNR Carp Removal Report:** Went well 64 total fish removed approximately 5,800 pounds, largest carp removed was 30 pounds. Will do this again next fall. Will get the fish survey report in December, the off season for the provider, also EAM fish survey is also pending. Which will be a nice comparison.
8. **Signage Update:** Krill sign wording final approval, "violators will be fined up to \$750.00" so as ordinances change, we won't need to change the signs. Also, there is room at the bottom the signs, vinyl over aluminum, to add additional row if needed. Signs By Fry in Lakemoor constructing the signs, coming soon. Sign locations to be displayed at Eastway, Veterans, Hyde, and Dorothy. Will need to get an additional sign made in the future for Forest. Information on signs to include park hour, no littering, etc.
9. **Sink the Crib Planning:** Partnering with the Historical society, Stacy will meet with them after our meeting tonight. Can start selling raffle tickets at the Star Lighting Ceremony on 11/19. To guess the date and time, without going over, that the crib will fall through the ice. Permit application obtained and \$5 per ticket. Location best in the deepest part of the lake. Has always been in Eastway 5 feet, but Hyde is deeper 10 feet and visible from RT#176. Two-piece Light house/fish crib design to sink the fish crib and remove the light house portion. Light house design to honor the past. Attach solar lighting, buoy, trip wire and monitoring trail camera. Cash prize for winner and Facebook winner recognition. Next meeting need design and location. Split ticket sales with Historical Society, thirds with the winner. Historical Society picture board. With the Lyons approval tickets could be sold at the Ice Fishing Derby which is on Saturday February 4th, 2023. If the ice isn't good then it will be February 11th, 2023. **Addendum** from the Historical society meeting they think it's too much for their members to provide assistance so they are not going to

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partner with us to sink the Fish Crib. They have concerns on how we would really document the fall through the ice and potential vandalism have been expressed.

10. **Sled Regatta Planning:** Converse sledding hill date Saturday January 21st, 2023 with backup date of January 28th, 2023 if snow dependent. No entry fee, cardboard construction, and rules do require helmets. **Addendum** Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital will provide 50 bike helmets for this event. Event could be in combination with another community activities like a snow ball fight or snowman contest. P&L pop up concession hot coco stand. Prizes trophies, metals, or Hats & scarfs. We need to get the word out and recruit team. Scouts, Lyons, etc.
11. **Spring Expo Planning:** Planned for Earth Day Saturday April 22nd, 2023 in the VOIL Gymnasium. Educational service vendors. Raise awareness for the All-Abilities Park, meet the P&L commission members. Water shed representation. Reach out to companies that would benefit the community on information for the lake and their yards. Vendor table sponsor fees. Lake/McHenry Conservation representative. Rain gardens, bees, scout's geo cashing. Now is the time in our planning phase to start to reach out to companies.

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12. **Weedoo Use Discussion:** Repair are an issue as we can no longer get parts. The conveyer broke when it was last out. It worked well for surface floating algae, however was difficult to operate, but was good for lake public relations. Public Works may be able to look at it over the winter. Move to purchase a new piece of equipment would cost \$70,000. or purchase a used machine. Best case scenario may be Lake Management (ILM) service fee verses new purchase and insurance expense. 2023 Lake Management plan one early treatment and weed cutting.
13. **Ice Rink Update:** Too costly to have at Converse Park this year due to VOIL finances. Relocation to Eastway Bay where there is parking and lighting. Former warming house trailer is at Water Tower Park. Public Works will do the first cut and create frame with snow, and post the signs. Open ice rink. Ice resurfacing tractor motor replaced.

Closing

14. **Commission Member Comments:** Brittany: none. Ed: none. Stacey: Bill for lake study we pay and then we get reimbursed. Tané: none. Trevor: Scavenger hunt for the kids was a success. Dave: Fall fish stocking was not done. Bass is double per acre of water. Eric: Fishing has been great right now. A lot of events coming up.
15. **Public Comment:** Will Mutton creek have a project manager. Which is Baxter Woodman Engineers that will sub contract the work. Demonstration channel grant should know by 1-19-2023. Boat stickers verses Kayak sticker. Price for Kayaks should be reduced and there should be an option for at day pass, off a QR code that can be paid by Venmo, with a recite on your phone. Also candle light Kayak events on a full moon night. Home owner viewed feeding the wild life daily with dumping corn and homeowner observed blowing leaves into the lake. Need to get the lake letter sent out to lake front owner, ASAP.

Adjournment time 8:03 1st Eric Acevedo 2nd Dave Sobieski

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Minutes submitted by Tané Howland P&L Commission Secretary Next meeting 12-5-2022 at 6:30pm

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