

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
September 19, 2022, 6:30 p.m.



1. **Call to Order: 6:30 PM**
2. **Roll Call Present:** Eric Acevedo, Tané Howland, Brittany Alers, Lynn Fosco, Trevor Mock, Ed Verner and Trustee Stacy Pyne. **Absent:** Dave Sobieski.
3. **Approval of August 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes** 1st_Ed Venner__ 2nd_Brittany Alers__
4. **Public Comment:** Board members please speak louder. Inquiry if property north side of Channel Park is for sale. Property lines marked, vehicles and jet skies parked in park property area. Venetian night inquiry if the event could start and stop at Eastway Bay, so the whole lake gets to see the boat cruise by. Next year's theme will be "Holidays" this information will be shared with the Historical Society.

Old Business

5. **Lake Management Plan Update:** Presented to the VOIL board clear objectives and goals. Looking to next steps, we won the grant last year to create this plan and we will apply for the same grant next year to perhaps move forward with Channel Park restoration projects. Many lake study recommendations. Group to create a master plan for Channel Park to include buffer plantings, shoreline stabilization, repurposing of the playground area as picnic area and street signage as it is hard to see and access.
6. **Park Punchlist Update:** Public Works Chris reports that lighting installed at Eastway Park, on timer from 6PM-10PM. Will redirect the light towards the porta potty. Painted the Veterans trail lights and undersides of the untreated wood at pavilions at Veterans and Converse, some boards need to be replaced. Light on sign at Eastway Park also.
Brittany proposes that we dismantle Channel Park and repurpose the playground equipment. For safety reasons. Must inquire as to how it was funded, if it is OSLAD (Open Space Land Acquisition and Development) then there are restrictions we need to abide by, indicating what we can and cannot do. The Huff's are private land owners that are land locked and the VOIL has been in contact to work with us to use the land for good of the community. Veterans Park sign need to be repainted and possible lighting.
7. **Creek Stabilization Update:** Ed reports that the public works has removed fallen wood jams. Much shoreline stabilization is required and regrading need delineation to determine where we do not disturb the wetland areas, to hold the shoreline in place. The creek study is posted on the VOIL website.
Lynn verbalized that the Southport Village may want to sell their fountain as they have replaced it with plants. Possible purchase and repurpose this fountain in Eastway Bay to replace the tiny fountain in the bay now.
8. **Lake Resident Mailing List and Letter Update:** Information to the 250 lakefront owners to not feed the geese, don't use salt, take advantage of rain barrels. Seawall ordinances in compliance, projects in the works to be a resource to Lakefront owners in regards to shoreline stabilization. The Public works reports that the VOIL uses 800 tons of salt per year to keep our roads safe, which all drains into the lake stormwater.
9. **Signage / Ordinance Update (Fish Creel, Park Rules/Hours, Kayak Launch, etc.)** Stacy reports that the VOIL has passed an ordinance on park hours of sunrise to sunset for all parks except for Converse, Village Hall and the basketball courts which are sunrise to 10:00 PM. Fines

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posted for vandalization, security cameras in use, no glass, pick up after pets. Signs being designed to be posted. Fish krill and fish limit updated. Kayak boat launch at Veterans is also under OSLAD we need to gain permission if it can be used for a kayak launch, with plenty of parking and bathroom facilities. To be determined.

New Business

10. **Eastway Board Redesign:** Organized information board with lake use permit, historical boat tours, safety information. Fish krill limit, and snowmobile rules. Boat sticker QR code to scan. Rope lighted to be installed so it can be read at night.
11. **Cleanup Day Planning:** Not enough time to plan a clean up for October 15th this year. Prefer to do a big Spring Home Expo clean up with community education of rain barrels, native plantings, adopt a park, Girl and boy Scout to support our projects. Possible small cleanup still this year.
12. **Volunteering Programs - Adopt-a-Park, Lake Monitoring Program:** IDNR health Department formal volunteers to do lake monitoring for temperature and clarity. There are five beaches that could benefit with volunteer adopt a beach/park program. The P&L committee need to organize these volunteer groups.

Closing

13. **Commission Member Comments:** Thank you to Tom Fancsalszky for his sharing and keeping fishing records. Big shout out to the Public Works and their hard work partnering with P&L. Andy will be out to do electric shocking to remove the carp fish on October 19th possibly with two boats. Last year 125 carp removed and 1200 pounds. Need volunteers to help. Fish stocking approved for \$3,000 for fall stocking. Richardson Fishery to provide record of our stocking history. Nine large fish habitats installed and several smaller catfish cribs. This winter season plans for Sink the Fish Crib Event and winter snow Cardboard Regatta on the sled hill. Sled hill could use more benches at the top of the hill. The P&L need to update the rules and regulations handbook. Partnering with Lake NAPA SUWE for watershed grants for Lake and McHenry Counties. More all-inclusive parks created in Round Lake and Woodstock.
14. **Public Comment:** Channel Park comments channel weeds and happy with the changes going forward. Clear direction is needed for our scouts through their contact person for service project manager, to help with future project. Reset the P&L board members table so facing the out and the public can hear what everyone is saying next time, we meet.
15. **Adjournment 1st_Eric Acevedo_ 2nd_Brittney Alers_ Time_7:52 PM_**

Next Meeting October 3rd, 2022, at 6:30PM.

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