

Parks and Lake Commission Minutes

Village of Island Lake

3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042

March 6, 2023, 6:30pm.

1. **Call to Order time: 6:30pm.**
2. **Roll Call:** Eric Acevedo (chair), Stacey Pyne (trustee), Ed Venner, Lynn Fosco, Brittany Alers, Trevor Mock, Dave Sobieski. Absent – Tane Howland (secretary)
3. **Approval of February 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes:** 1st Ed Venner, 2nd Lynn Fosco
4. **Public Comment:** none

Old Business

5. **Park Punchlist Update:** Lynn and Brittany will have an updated punch list finished by March 31, 2023. They will make a count of garbage cans needed. A new playground for Maple Ridge has been selected but the mayor has concerns about the amount of vandalism at the park. Stacey will talk with Chris Carlson, Public Works Director about purchasing cameras.
6. **Dog Waste Station for Converse Park:** Dog waste stations will be requested for Converse, Puri [behind Walgreens] and Eastway Park. It was suggested that LRS may be able to supply them, Stacey will follow up.
7. **Cardboard Sled Race Report:** There were four entries in the Sled Race and it was a good trial for going into next year. More publicity with flyers at Converse and on sawhorses throughout the village. Registration will be advance to better coordinate categories.
8. **Geocaching:** Panda and Marnie presented on the concept of geocaching; capsules are hidden and organized groups log into an app and look for the capsules. Cash in Cash out or CETO events are organized to help communities with trash clean-up, native planting, painting or any other volunteer activities. The Geocaching community becomes the help. Panda showed a [Geocaching.com/play/map](https://www.geocaching.com/play/map) video and explained how it works. They will be at the Earth Day Expo to present the idea to the public. There is a free version of the app and a Premium that the village would qualify for free.
9. **Spring Expo Planning:** Sign up for tables is going well. Eric has created a spread sheet and google sign-up. One of the purposes of the Expo is to find more volunteers for the park through an Adopt a Park program. Groups that have confirmed attendance are SWALCO, Captain Rod's Seawall, Historical Society/Victory Garden, Good as Gold, McHenry County Master Gardener's, Wauconda Public Library, Faith in Place, Main Street Outfitters, Lake County Health Department. The mayor approved a Facebook page for Parks/Lake. A list of all park's brochure is needed for handout purposes; Puri Park needs to be added. Lynn presented ideas for Kids Corner. Volunteer thank you ideas were bantered about; raffle entries, volunteer night with campfire, T-shirts, name on village website and incentive rewards for participation.
10. **ILMA Update:** Stacey, Ed, Eric and Trevor are attending the conference in Gurnee. Eric is a presenter for one of the sessions and will be talking about the development of the Lake Management Plan. Vendors for lake management will be made aware of our current RFP. Eric announced that he nominated Stacey for the Lake Guardian award and was selected the winner.

- 11. Fish Stocking Update:** Dave put in an order at Keystone Fisheries and will set up stocking date. Stacey will put the information on the March 23 board agenda for payment approval.
- 12. Commission Member Comments:** Eric completed the RFP for lake treatment with a focus on early spring herbicide and shoreline/beach treatment as needed. Microcystin test strips for HAB will be purchased. The fence should be put back in at the channel. An independent survey to define the entire boundaries of Channel Park is being investigated. Dave reminded everyone that Carpfest planning needs to start. The Events Committee will be asked to start looking for prizes. Fishing license is required for Carpfest this year and the idea of getting permits on site was suggested. Trevor reported that the Lions will be presenting a check for over \$300 from the Lions Ice Fishing Derby to be used for fish stocking. Ideas for give aways at the Expo were discussed. Eric will talk to a screen printer about bags. Punch cards for a big prize at the Expo may be possible
- 13. Public Comment:** Panda announced that the Village can get a Premium Geocaching account for free. Kane County does a clean-up program similar to Adopt a Highway but Village would have to supply the equipment. Lisa encouraged a complete boundary survey for Channel Park. She will donate crayons and markers for Expo. She also stated that there was a geocaching capsule at Channel Park at one time. She also presented an idea to let kids practice casting by laying out hula hoops and that perhaps Camping World has bags. Patti asked about who is monitoring the spillway.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.