

Parks and Lake Commission Minutes
Village of Island Lake
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
April 3 2023, 6:30 p.m.



1. **Call to Order:** 6:30pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Eric Acevedo (Chair), Ed Venner, Lynn Fosco, Trevor Mock, Dave Sobieski, Stacey Pyne (Trustee). Not Present: Brittany Alers
3. **Approval of March 26** meetings:
4. **Public Comments:** Erin donated markers and crayons

Old Business:

5. **Earth Day Expo Final Planning:** Exhibitors are signing up and the gym is almost filled. Need to work on marketing. Toasty Cheese Food Truck has agreed to attend the event. Tina has distributed flyers around town. Stacey will get one to Matthews Middle School and check other areas to see if more are needed. Stacey will laminate signs for parking and have signs ready for the sawhorses for subdivision entrances. The Geocaching group will share the event on FB and we will need to push it on FB. Stacey will confirm all exhibitors and find out any other needs, fill out form. Connie M. offered to loan sandwich board for Greenleaf and 176.
6. **Adopt-a-Park Program Review:** Parks/Lake will have Adopt a Park Brochure or beach (Stacey Print). Larger Adopt-a-Park signs will be laminated with a QR code and put at parks. Event will be added to message board at Eastway. Stacey and Eric are trying to find sponsors for Adopt a Park then have T shirts and water bottles for people that sign up.
7. **Park Punch List:** Park punch list will be collaborated with PW. Maple Ridge camera is ordered for this fiscal year. Chris will trial a camera before purchase. Need more trash cans.
8. **Mutton Creek Stabilization Project:** Native Plant Buffer Project has been changed to North side of Channel. PW will continue to clear a 3:1 strip. Baxter/Woodman has added an additional piece to abut the Buffer project for to the stabilization project. A Native plant area outside of grant area is being considered. Depending on budget, we will begin stockpiling riprap. Eric showed the photos of the overall project. A public program about the restoration project will be planned for late June.
9. **Lake Treatment Proposal Update:** Eric put together an RFP for lake treatment. Three companies put in bids - ILM, McCloud and Aquatic Plant Management. Need to pick by end of month to pull out of the 2022/23 budget. Harvesting not possible right now due to cost but will be discussed with lake management company. Forest Bay and Circle Drive aerators are not working, most likely because of storm power surge. A new fountain is needed for Eastway.
10. **Carpfest 2023 Planning:** Stacey has started updating the registration and Eric is working on flyers. Lions will be donating fishing poles again. Focus on marketing will begin after the Earth Day Expo.
11. **PLC Facebook Page Content Planning** – is going well. Stacey needs more training. We need to add events to attract other people in the area. Park information highlights, virtual tour of the island, before and after on clean-up, videos of parks (tag them) are potential content areas. List of all vendors at the Expo need to be added to the event page. Other topics on the page could include gardening, birding, fishing, hashtag use, geocaching and clean-up days. Eric went over how the page keeps statistics so that we can tell what viewers are enjoying.

New Business

12. Tane has resigned after 7 years on the commission. She has been instrumental in the success of the PLC and will be missed. The skillset of future members needs to be thought out. We need a secretary, people interested in the parks that have availability. Other areas of need are grant writing, marketing, computer skills. Eric will put together a help wanted ad. Make Ed a name badge.
13. **BYOB (Bring Your Own Bucket) Compost Giveaway and Geocaching Event (May 7)** SWALCO will be partnering with us for International Compost Week. Panda and Marnie will set up a first CITO (Cash In Cash Out) for this event. The public can get compost at Victory Gardens. This is a different event than the Victory Garden opening day on May 6. Geocachers sign in and do works such as raking, cleaning up trash, picking up sticks. The focus will be at Veteran's and Puri Park. We need a waiver. Tree area is also part of Veteran's Park and could be part of the clean-up. In the future mulch could be put down at Puri. We need garbage bags, grabbers, gloves, water. Panda and Marnie will make a CITO page and share it.

Closing

14. **Commission Member Comments:** Ed will work on clean-up and Carpfest. Lynn will finish contacting her list of potential exhibitors for the Expo, Lynn and Stacey will follow-up on the status of the Oriental Trading Company order. Trevor will get fishing poles for Carpfest. He also announced that Troop 176 will be at the Lion's table at Expo and suggested stocking of game fish in fall. Trev and Ed used video to look at vegetation while out on the lake there is lots of filamentous algae. (We can ask company we select to look at it) Trevor will follow up with PW on the weedo part. Dave talked to Mike from Keystone and they won't be able to participate in the Expo; they have a fish farm under snow which is impeding their operations. Keystone did feel they would be able to stock in May. Stacey is working on budget, Expo and Carpfest. Eric is focused on Expo, FB page, Adopt a Park, and set up of Expo. He also recommended looking at Ducks Unlimited and Delta Waterfowl for grant possibilities.
15. **Public Comment:** Erin has a wood duck house and she suggested making bat, duck or other houses. This is a good activity for future event.
16. **Adjournment:** Eric made motion to adjourn, Dave seconded. Adjourned. 8:25pm.

Submitted by Stacey Pyne