

Parks and Lakes Commission Meeting Minutes
Village of Island Lake
37320 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 6004
November 6, 2023



1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Eric Acevado, Chair, Stacey Pyne, Sarah Serio-Wiora, Dave Sobieski
Absent: Lisa Norland, Trevor Mock
3. **Approval of October 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes:** Sarah requested that her name be corrected to Sarah Serio-Wiora. Sarah motioned to approve, Dave seconded
4. **Public Comment:** Alissa submitted an interest form to be part of the Commission and attended her first meeting. Concern about the level of the spill way was expressed. How will the spillway be managed and what are the regulations.

Old Business

5. **Converse Playground Update:** Grant for park has been submitted. There is a need for a park masterplan and schedule. Stacey reported that Playground Boss is installing at Maple Ridge so we will have an opportunity to see how the company operates. If all goes well we will purchase the playground then make a plan for phasing in other components. The swings will be retained if possible.
6. **Maple Ridge Playground Update:** Maple Ridge has been taken down by Public Works and Playground Boss is scheduled to install.
7. **2024 Lake Treatment:** Integrated Lakes Management will quote for Sonar1, early algae bloom and HAB treatment. We need to be proactive on Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB). The PR needs to take place earlier and be put on the village website and Facebook page. A letter will be sent to lake owners and in Village newsletter regarding sign-up for Chimp-mail email to get lake condition notices.
8. **Cardboard Sled Race Planning:** Need flyer, Stacey and Lisa will co-coordinate. Ask about ice rink. Stacey will send out the packet, get cardboard, and do the rest of the planning. Sarah suggested a sled Library for public use.
9. **Earth Day Expo Planning:** Vendors, food trucks, seminar on the lake, HAB and management with video recording for sharing need to be coordinated. More interactive activities and outdoor space vendors are needed. Possibly expand to weekend to include Clean-up and Adopt-a-Park. Informational sessions with guest speakers scheduled. Nature walk or tree walk on Greenleaf Woods Trail, adopt-a tree or plant a memorial trees were suggested as ideas. There is a need for better public relations and contact with schools. Eric will bring list of vendors and programs they can offer. Our table will have Adopt-a-Park, fishing license, Mutton Creek project information. We need to identify what our message should be. Consideration of bigger fundraising efforts were discussed ex. Kayak raffle.
10. **Fundraising:** Adopt a tree, kayak raffle, polar plunge, adopt a plant or brick, benches, install perennial garden, vegetable garden, Garden Club, Rain Garden at Converse, Sarah will take the lead. Need to identify what funds need to be raised for. Large scale corporate funding. Park sponsorships. Grants, Com Ed. Possibly establish 501C3 for Friends of the Park,

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11. **Commission Member Comments:** Channel Clean-up scheduled 11/18, dead trees need to come out. Stacey reported that a Nine Lakes watershed group may be reinstated through Lake Lovers. Dave reported that the IDNR fish shock brought in 174, 2,500 pounds of Carp, lots of Bass were noted. Our fish population was strong and determine stocking plan for next year. Tagging carp can cost over \$7,000 for the insurance policy for a \$10,000 prize. Eric recommended a fall park audit and punch list before the next meeting. Illinois Lakes Management Association (ILMA) is looking for board members and registration for the yearly conference is taking place and at least one of us should go. Mutton Creek Project- Adopt-a-Park need a person to coordinate a group of volunteers. More promotion and signage for Sled Race is needed. December will be a year in review and January to set goals. We need a park system long range plan with goals. Sarah recommended that we preset clean-up days and select activities to get public buy-in. Secret Santa fundraising effort for donations at park. Compile ideas of what each park needs and how people can donate: dog poop bag stations, gardens at signage, plugs, etc.
12. **Public Comment:** Questions regarding use of the baseball fields this spring were raised. Concerns about vandalism and bullying were made. Stacey reported Chief Paulus is working with a group that may help us with having youth offenders adjudicated to park community service and that upgraded cameras are looking to be installed at Converse and Maple Ridge.
13. **Adjournment:** Eric motioned to adjourn, Sarah seconded, all agreed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01.

Submitted by Stacey Pyne