

Village of Island Lake  
Parks and Lake Commission Minutes  
July 10, 2023 6:30pm



1. **Call to Order:** 6:33pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Eric Acevedo, Ed Venner, Stacey Pyne and Lisa Norland. Absent: Trevor Mock and Dave Sobieski  
  
Dave Sobieski joined the meeting at 7:10pm.
3. **Approval of June 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes:** Ed motioned to approve, Lisa seconded - approved
4. **Public Comment:** Stacey explained her perspective on the meeting between Baxter/Woodman (B/W) and Integrated Lakes Management (ILM) at the channel on 7/6/2023. It appeared at the end of the meeting that the Native Buffer was going to be on the North side with B/W submitting a design proposal and grading cost, ILM staked out potential area and discussed the need for them to herbicide. There was a difference of opinion on handling stumps, B/W feeling that stumps hold back erosion and ILM wanting them ground down and herbicide used to prevent sprouting. B/W gave an estimate of \$5,000 to grade but needed a design contract signed. ILM expressed concern about the plant mixture stipulated in the grant and if it was appropriate for the North side, B/W agreed but thought a new mixture was a feasible option. ILM expressed concern about the site prep, their responsibility for the plants growing and if the Native Buffer Project should be moved back to the South side of the Channel. Eric reiterated that Michelle Pope was managing the grant and gave permission in March for moving to the North side.

**Old Business**

5. **Mutton Creek Project Planning:** Eric reviewed progress on site preparation at the channel and the next steps for Public Works would be to stump, remove debris and work with B/W on design plan.
6. **New Equipment Update:** Parts for the WeeDoo are obsolete and Public Works feels like investing money into it is not worthwhile. The need for a new harvester was discussed.
7. **HAB Protocol:** Stacey reported that a resident reported a potential HAB (Harmful Algal Bloom) so it was entered into the EPA bloom site. Residents are encouraged to report suspected HAB so that Lake County Health Department and the EPA remains aware. The EPA bloom report link is on the village or LCHD website. An HAB protocol was drafted last year and it will be updated for use this year. Test kits were purchased so Public Works can do a rapid test, report and close the lake until verified. The LCHD reports E.coli closures

directly to Public Works then the beaches are closed. Goose poop is primarily responsible for E.coli. Ed recommended a trial of Flight Control to see if it makes any difference at Eastway.

- 8. Adopt-a-Park Program Update:** Trying to find a way to communicate with program members has been difficult since not everyone is on Facebook. Eric recommended one person be assigned to coordinate this program. Ideas were generated on how to notify those interested in cleanup days. Signs could be placed at the cleanup site the week before letting people know of a planned clean-up.
- 9. Calendar Planning:** Lisa will be in charge of calendar planning and Stacey will provide dates from past years. Events that need to be on the calendar include Free Fishing Day, Carpfest, Earth Day Expo, Compost Day, Victory Garden opening, CITO (geocaching) events, Cardboard Sled Race and electro shock date for fish. The Haunted Trail is already on the calendar for this year but Stacey expressed concern about having enough planning time.
- 10. Aeration Plan:** A new fountain was placed at Eastway, purchased by PUBLIC WORKS. It was suggested by ILM that our current aeration plan may not be doing what it is supposed to; turning the water column. Due to the drought and high algae level most water movers were not turned on this year. Another aeration company will be contacted for a second opinion.
- 11. Social Media Content Planning:** Lisa is working on a Google calendar for social media and a way to set notifications. Eric and Lisa asked that a series of subjects related to lake management and photos be generated for use on social media. Possible areas – HAB protocol and information, park spotlights, Native Buffer updates, PUBLIC WORKS updates, board member spotlights, lake updates, ordinances and safety issues.
- 12. Park Grant Planning:** Stacey is working on the DECO grant application needed to access the monies appropriated by Sen. Dan McConchie.
- 13. Lions Donation of Kayak Launch at Veterans:** The Lions Club has offered to donate a kayak launch at Veterans Park from money made at Cornfest. This is the Lions Adopt-a-Park and they would like to support the idea of getting lake access for kayaks. The shoreline needs to be stabilized with rip/rap and a pier needs to be considered prior to moving forward. Public Works will be contacted about how to proceed.
- 14. Commission Member Comments:** Lisa stated that she feels good to be part of an attempt to centralize information for better public communication. Eric feels we have a good core group of volunteers for clean-up days and that we need to schedule days as well as shoreline raking. He also stated that we are still in need of two Commission positions but that we really need people interested in the park side and with specific skill sets. Interested members need to fill out the request on the website and attend at least three meetings to be considered. There is a need for younger members. Lisa stressed a need for a person responsible for coordinating volunteers. Ed reminded us that with the Commission down

numbers it is difficult to get planned projects done. He also stated that the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade was fun.

**15. Public Comment:** Heather asked about the downed willow tree and the concrete chute being used as a non-motorized boat launch by her house. She also expressed concern about getting raked lake vegetation into containers because it is heavy. Public Works has assisted with picking up vegetation in the past; Stacey will check on this. Sarah stated she has been trying to get neighbors involved in getting Porten's Pond under control. Stacey reported that a pond management contract has been entered into to treat the disbanded Home Owners Association (HOA) ponds.

**16. Adjournment:** Dave motioned to adjourn, Lisa seconded – meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

Submitted by Stacey Pyne