

Parks and Lakes Commission Minutes
Village of Island Lake
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
August 7, 2023, 6:30pm.



1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Eric Acevedo, Dave Sobieski, Lisa Norland, Stacey Pyne, Ed Venner, Trevor Mock. Absent: none.
3. **Approval of July 10 meeting minutes:** Ed Venner made a motion to approve July minutes as written, Dave Sobieski seconded, all approved.
4. **Public Comment:** Amy H. is new to Island Lake and inquired about the lake management plan. Connie M. addressed large trees that have fallen into the lake. She expressed concerns about safety and perhaps a need to visually mark them for boaters. Trevor reiterated that fallen trees are the responsibility of the property owner. A list of known trees in the water was made and Stacey will share with Code Enforcement. Dan W. asked who is responsible for maintaining aerator at Forest Bay and expressed concern of algae being a health hazard when there is no water movement. It was noted that the wind drives everything into piles off Fern. Rick G. wanted to know if harvester is a done deal and expressed concern about the organic farm contributing to the lake's current state. Kathy W. asked about the history of the lake being once owned by homeowners, then given to the Village. Stacey verified this was true. Debra asked about schedule for the new harvester. Conversation about beach closures and how that decision is made ensued.

Old Business

5. **Report on Lake County Lake Lovers Meeting:** Lisa reported that she, Ed and Stacey attended the meeting and reported on the use of enzymes to help reduce lake sediment. Mary Eggert was in attendance and did a presentation on Lake Lovers and Global Water Works' mission to find solutions to algae. Eric explained dredging watersheds vs. lake management. Mary encouraged attendance at the next Lake County Board meeting to encourage American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding be used to help in restoring Lake County lakes. She shared a link to sign in for the meeting. The problem of sediment was discussed. Mary showed a brief video about how dissolved O₂ enzymes are placed in lake and showing reduced sediment levels around the world. She is asking the County Board for monetary assistance on a demonstration project of three lakes (Butler, Loch Lomond, St. Mary's). She encouraged everyone to take a look at the Lake Lovers website and attend meetings.
6. **Review Budget:** Stacey reviewed the 2023 Parks/Lake Budget. Aerator cost has been combined with lake treatment with the amount reduced by \$12,000 to allow more money to be allotted toward other improvements. There is also grant money of \$11,797 embedded for completion of the Channel Park Native Buffer Demonstration Project which needs to be spent and then reimbursed. A category for programming was added and an increase to professional development was made. Aerator purchase amounts were included under equipment rather than as a separate contractual line item. The overall budget amount is \$102,674.
7. **Mutton Creek Project Planning:** Eric reported on the Mutton Creek Project plan by Baxter & Woodman Engineering. A significant amount of work has been done by Public Works in preparation for the Native Buffer and shoreline erosion work. A split rail fence will be installed to visually mark our property now that the survey is complete. Robinson Engineering will be contacted to determine if they are able to submit a design. We will be stockpiling rip/rap.

8. **Channel Planning:** The north side of the channel will be prepped so that the Native Buffer Demonstration Project can be combined with shoreline stabilization. Stormwater Management has agreed to extend the grant deadline to next year.
9. **Grant Statuses:** The Native Buffer grant has been extended to allow proper prep time for plug and seed planting. The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) grant for new playground equipment is almost done. Director of Public Works Chris Carlsen is working on numbers for demolition and Trustee Brittany Alers provided playground equipment cost that was researched in the past. Our grant coordinator in Springfield has been very helpful. The goal is to have the DCEO grant completed by 9/1/2023.
10. **Aquatic vegetation pick-up:** LRS will pick up vegetation if moved into the front. It is difficult to move until dry. The public can call Public Works if assistance is needed with pick up.
11. **Aeration Plan Update:** Integrated Lakes Management suggested that perhaps aerators were not necessarily doing what they were supposed to. It was decided to get a second opinion by another aeration company.
12. **Lions donation of kayak launch:** Veterans Park was adopted by the Lions and it was determined this would be a good site for a kayak launch. The Lions have offered to donate a kayak launch. Ed will research costs. Public Works Director Carlsen will contact Robinson to make recommendations for shoreline stabilization and engineering.

New Business

13. **Haunted Trail:** The Commission agreed that the Haunted Trail should be put on hold this year.

Closing

14. **Commissioner Comments:** A date for a CITO event will be sent to Panda. The site will be changed to Vista Park for weeding and mulching.
15. **Public Comment:** Questions regarding the volcano at Forest Bay were addressed. It is not working properly and is being pulled out for maintenance. It may be replaced by a fountain. Questions about beaver control were addressed; a licensed trapper must be hired for removal. Questions regarding geese control were addressed; Public Works does egg addling and trialing flight control.
16. **Adjournment:** Dave made a motion to adjourn and Dave seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.

Submitted by: Stacey Pyne