

**Parks and Lake Commission Minutes**  
Village of Island Lake  
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042  
**September 11, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**



1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Eric Acevado, Lisa Norland, Ed Venner, Stacey Pyne, Sarah Serio, Trevor Mock, Dave Sobieski. Absent: none
3. **Approval of August 7 meeting minutes:** Lisa Norland made a motion to approve August minutes as written, Ed Venner seconded: all approved.
4. **Public Comment**

**Old Business**

5. **Mutton Creek Project Planning:** Eric reported that Robinson is getting up to speed, all documents shared, assessment and plan design are being worked on.
6. **Channel Planning:** Illinois Lakes Management Association (ILMA) communicated that no herbicide is needed since Public Works ground stumps. Director Chris Carlsen will be taking on Project Management. A meeting with the Public Works admin and Public Works will take place to determine how work orders will be generated. Native Buffer will be planted in spring. Property line discrepancy is being resolved. Stacey will follow up on parking, fence and signage.
7. **Grant status:** Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) grant will be only for Converse. Maple Ridge equipment upgrade will be purchased out of this year's gaming money, Public Works and Parks and Lake Commission budget. Director Carlsen will bring design for Commission to review. Parking needs assessment.
8. **Aeration Plan Update:** Black Lagoon sent off volcanos as they are under warranty. Director Carlsen will be consulted about Public Works' ability to handle the aerators. Stacey questioned if the Channel and bays can be treated early to prevent Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs). The fence that catches vegetation in the Channel needs to be readdressed. Log and debris removal needs to be done. ILMA will be contacted to address these concerns.

**New Business**

9. **WaterGator progress:** Discussion regarding the WaterGator came to the consensus that the WaterGator is making a difference. The Commission and Public Works worked together to purchase and Rep. Martin McLaughlin has committed money to assist in funding. A plan with Public Works and need for operators should be made. Unloading with a conveyor is still difficult. A hinge was added for camera under the bridge.
10. **2023-2027 Lake Management Plan Goals Progress:** Goals: Multiple goals have been met – less than 5 HABs, purchased test kits, updated bloom report site on Village website. Improvement in quality of native plants by use of Sonar treatment; treat earlier next year. Spot treatment quotes were cost prohibitive but purchased WaterGator, communication to public on HAB, (needs to be more proactive next year, start posts in late winter on aquatic vegetation in winter). Lake County contacted to do plant survey this fall or spring. Reduce carp – got updated fish survey and stocking plan, Carp Fest. Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) plans an electro-shock treatment the last 2 weeks of October, exact date to be determined. Began shoreline stabilization through Native Buffer grant, work started at Channel, Dorothy Beach will be addressed with Lakeview Bridge project. Increased fishing access. Started non-motorized boat access project at Veterans Park. Aeration was reassessed with two companies. Phosphate bags and other nutrient deactivation was investigated and work with upstream landowners started. Social media on

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prohibition of feeding Canadian gees was completed, eggs being addled and Flight Control will be trialed.

- 11. Lake Sediment Study:** sediment survey budgeted for this year. 2021 Bathymetric possibly included with sediment survey.

**Closing**

- 12. Commissioner comments:** Eric stated we have done well on hitting lake goals but need a long term plan for parks, too. Cardboard sled race needs to be scheduled. Director Carlsen addressed the need for a public information plan for the removal of old playground equipment and installation of the new at Converse and Maple Ridge Parks. Stacey reminded the Commission that we need more members. Rich agreed but the ordinance needs to be changed to add more members. She also expressed concern that there was not sufficient planning time on the Haunted Trail and we wait until next year. Lisa noted that Cotton Creek needs to come off park map and that Puri Park needs to be added. Park Commission contact list needs to be updated and our events calendar solidified. Public Works admin will be able to update Village website. Lisa needs information so she can keep the Parks and Lake Facebook page updated (Ideas and info for public information campaign for events, Converse and Maple Ridge need a going away party, signage for events, written timeline for projects, need dates for 2024 events, job descriptions for what each position is about, Top 10 things to do at your Island Lake Park, Sponsors for events) Stacey will check with Dennis on fundraising and sponsorship. Trevor expressed the need to check for the type of weeds in the lake now, reiterated the Lion's commitment to the kayak launch. The Village will put in the pier for the kayak launch, Lions will pick out launch. Director Carlsen reminded us to keep pier at a length to protect beach rules and a sign no boat parking. Sarah commented that Social media needs to be up and running for organizing and community assistance, set up a way for public to submit to Facebook and admin approve the post. Raising awareness of parks. Park cleanup on 9/17 cancelled. Disc golf design for Puri Park to be presented on Thursday. Lisa has badminton net perhaps do an event
- 13. Public Comment:** Patti saw women using basketball court for Pickleball. Discussion about a badminton court ensued.
- 14. Adjournment:** A motion was made by Ed to adjourn at 8:22pm, Dave seconded: all approved.

Submitted by Stacey Pyne