

Parks and Lakes Commission Meeting Minutes
Village of Island Lake
37320 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 6004
December 4, 2023



1. **Call to Order** at 6:02 p.m. by Eric Acevedo
2. **Roll Call** Present: Eric Acevedo, Stacey Pyne, Sarah Serio Wiora, Dave Sobieski, Lisa Norland, Trevor Mock
3. **Approval of November 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes**
Sarah made the recommendation to change #8 to her not Lisa; Sarah motioned to approve, Dave seconded
4. **Public Comment:** none

New Business

5. **New Member Welcome**
Alissa will be the newest member [sworn in on 11/12/2023]. She was not able to attend 12/4/23 meeting but will be taking on the Parks master plan. Sarah asked about the informal rule of attending three meetings.
6. **Strategic Park Plan**
Each park deserves an individual park plan but we need to look at safety and equipment replacement for aging parks. We need a road map for whoever takes over so we need to produce a document. Eric shared Crystal Lake's long term plan and he asked Alyssa to take on this role. Lisa asked about PR for the Village. A podcast is being explored, FB, and the Village website are the fail safe to publicize. Mail chimp has been set up. We need a better communication process. We need a team to work on PR and communication. Eric suggested we work on a newsletter. Lisa asked if we can add more people to the committee.
7. **Maple Ridge Playground** was installed. Stacey is meeting with Chief Paulus to look at cameras.
8. **Converse Park Playground**
Mayor has asked Eric to have our committee look at improvements and equipment at Converse. Eric has started a survey to poll residents on what they think is important.
9. **North Channel Park**
Fence at channel needs to go up. Stabilization is the priority. The spring herbicide and plan for rip rap needs to be scheduled.
10. **Puri Park Disc Golf:** "Park D" began clearing trails in possible wetlands. Parks and Lake Commission was not significantly involved. Stacey checked in with Rich to have GIS map checked for potential wetlands where some of the holes are slated. Hole 1 may be moved and others in Veteran's Park will be evaluated.
11. **Cardboard Sled Race**
Dates are January 20, 27 or February 10. Add a workshop, cardboard for Graf-Pak,

concession stand. More PR and advertising needs to be done. It's a go. Eric will send the flyer and Stacey will get it laminated to put out tomorrow.

12. Earth Day Expo Event Planning

Food truck, seminars, a nature walk through Greenleaf Woods; vendors need to be contacted early. Arbor Day and seed money grants or donations need to be researched. Patti volunteered. SWALCO, compost and Adopt-a-Park need to be promoted. Build bat houses, ask naturalists from Lake County Forest Preserve District or Volo to lead. Charging for tables, raffle a kayak, promote Veteran's kayak launch. Eric will start putting together promotional material. Geocaching session. Discussion of possible construction of Fish cribs.

13. Newsletter

Kick start with emails about events. A list of who needs to be contacted ex. Scout groups, schools, email list for sled race. Event dates were confirmed for newsletter.

14. Commission Member Comments

Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program needs to start up. Secci disc, and other monitoring needs to take place. The patrol boat was purchased with lake management funds. Reimbursement for meetings has been received per Dave. Lake management treatment has been scheduled and recommendations for aeration were made. Community needs to be involved. Eric said Mutton Creek and event PR needs to be started now. We will start a newsletter.

15. Public Comment

The newsletter was an effective means of communicating and the public felt like it was useful. A four time a year newsletter is needed. An email sign-up is a good idea for getting new volunteers. A larger committee would be better for getting things done, the boat belongs to lake management. Lake management also handled mosquito abatement. The Disc Golf course was to be discussed with neighbors. The area at Veteran's designated wetlands is always wet. A question as to why the Disc Golf Course wasn't brought to the Parks and Lake Commission was brought up. A meeting with neighbors is scheduled for Thursday, December 7 at 7pm. The wetlands need to be protected. Concerns about why Commission was not involved. The wetlands were designated around 2004. It is felt that Public Works was aware of wetlands location. Meeting should be posted to avoid violation of Open Meetings Act. Why do other committees not post meetings?

16. Adjournment

Eric made a motion to adjourn, Dave seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.