

Parks and Lakes Commission Special Meeting Minutes

Village of Island Lake
37320 Greenleaf Avenue Island Lake, IL 60042
March 11, 2024



Call to Order: 6:30pm

Roll Call: Present: Eric Acevedo, Chair, Trevor Mock, Dave Sobieski, Lisa Norland, Stacey Pyne, Alissa Rzepecki, Sarah Serio Wiora

Approval of February 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Lisa Norland, second by Dave Sobieski. All in favor. Motion approved.

Public Comment: Question on email list for people interested in finding out about lake news. Response: You need to sign up for it. We will try to share it in the next newsletter included with the water billing.

Eagle Scout project: Rowen Porter presented his idea for building benches starting next spring. He has costed them out and is checking to see if the project can be approved. The type of bench needs to be defined so that a uniform look is presented throughout the parks. Once placement is determined, Public Works needs to determine if a concrete base is needed.

Wauconda has a playground map and passport. The idea of a Playground crawl was suggested.

Old Business:

- a. Channel and Native Buffer Project: The area is cleared; the Native Buffer is set for August. Chris will plant cover crop to stabilize ground. A broken boat in the Channel that needs to be removed. The boundary survey is complete. Home owners upstream must be contacted to continue surveying upstream. A downed tree own in Oxford Farms may need to be removed. Beaver dams need to be addressed.
- b. Veteran Park kayak launch: Lions funded the kayak launch was installed. Rip-rap was installed to stabilize the shoreline. A daily pass fee needs to be determined and an ordinance created. Consider a QR code at the launch. Public information campaign is needed to let people know the launch is there; it should be internet searchable. Consider fees for resident/nonresident and senior/veteran Kayak race idea was proposed. Flags or signs directing the public to the launch are needed. A "No Fishing" sign and rules for use also needs to be placed at the launch.
- c. Converse Park: All playground equipment has been removed. Fill is coming and the area will be graded. Multiple proposals were reviewed and the commission recommends Team REIL in Union. Install cost is \$40,000 but Director Carlsen will negotiate those costs. Trees clearing is in progress for a walking path from Dr. Saini's office to Dollar General.
- d. Carp Fest and Kids Fishing Derby: Carp Fest is scheduled for June 7, 8, 9. The Fishing Derby will be on Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9. Fish can be photographed and time stamped for documentation. A small group needs to meet between now and next meeting to determine logistics. Merchandise ideas included hats, shirts and pins for fish caught. Lions will donate kids' fishing poles. Possible carp cooking how to demonstration is planned if presenter can be enlisted.

- e. Parks Clean-up days: Saturday, April 27 is the first Clean-up Day and a Facebook page is needed. Saturday, May 18 will be a beach clean-up and may be a good time to plan the kayak race. A pier is needed for Big Island. Keep an eye open for what needs to be cleaned up. Brittany and Patti are interested in helping with the kayak race.
- 6. **Earth Day Expo** - Historical Society and Victory Garden, Bee keeper, Swalco, and Lake Lovers are confirmed participants. There is still time to invite vendors (Yellowstone, Tall grass Prairie.) Crafts-Lisa presented a mini green house by reusing plastic containers like terrariums. Other ideas include a coloring table using IDNR coloring pages, bat houses and other crafts. Stacey, Alissa and Lisa will meet to discuss.
- 7. **Mini Newsletter** – by mid-march (email sign-up) Earth Day, Clean-up Day, Kayak Launch, Carpfest and Kids Derby, Converse, HAB, Lake Treatment, Channel and Native Buffer should be included.

New Business

- 8. **Integrated Lakes Management Presentation by Lisa Woolford on April 1, 2024** – Lisa has agreed to do a short presentation about Island Lake prior to the start of the Parks and Lake Commission meeting.
- 9. **Eagle and Gold Scout Project Review** – Four Scouts are working on projects that the Commission will manage. The mayor needs to sign off on all projects and they need to be presented to the entire board. Addison is working on a pollinator garden at the Converse Park sign; Charlie is working on sensory panels for Maple Ridge Park, Aiden and Rowan are building benches for various parks.
- 10. **Commission Member Comments** - Lisa inquired about park audits. Dave had reported that the old creel limit sign was replaced with a new one at Forest. Alissa is putting together a community survey for long range park planning. Trevor stated that the Lions can promote the kayak launch and Eastway pavilion at the Expo. There could also be raffles for bat and wood duck houses. Discussion led to how emails can be compiled and used to let people know about events. Stacey reported interesting information about muck enzymes and the Sonar IQ trial that Trevor has been investigating and was reported at the Illinois Lake Management Conference. Trevor met with a company that uses sonic waves to disrupt growth of algae; they are asking us to put out a unit as a demo site. We would rent at a cost of \$500 per month. The older units were not as powerful. It will be discussed with Director Carlsen. More research is needed on efficacy and placement of the unit. The company will make a proposal for two units covering Eastway or a pond. Eric reminded the commission that we need to look at neutro bags when drafting the budget and that the aeration plan will be considered later in May. Our PR strategy for notifying the public about the lake treatment and resulting restrictions—such as no irrigating from lake after treatment— need to be completed. The six algae treatments and the HAB protocol need to be explained. Dissolved O² meters need to be purchased out of the current budget.
- 11. **Public Comment**: None
- 12. **Adjournment**: Eric moved to adjourn, Dave seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Submitted by Stacey Pyne