

Parks and Lake Commission Special Meeting Minutes

Village of Island Lake
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
Monday, May 13, 2024, 6:30 p.m.



1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Eric Acevedo at 6:31pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Chair Eric Acevedo, Commission Members Dave Sobieski, Trevor Mock, Sarah Serio-Wiora. Also present: Trustee Stacey Pyne.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Dave motioned to approve the April minutes, Sarah seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.
4. **Public Comment:** Questions about where lake minutes are found were addressed. A resident expressed interest in using the goose abatement laser lights. Stacey will check with Director Carlsen.

Old Business

5. **Review of Earth Day Expo:** Commission members felt the Earth Day Expo was a success with good vendors and kids activities. The newsletter going out later was not beneficial to our promotion of the event.
6. **Project Updates**
 - a. **WaterGator Schedule** – Public Works will begin getting the Gator out on the lake to be ready for Memorial Day but cannot get within 10 feet of shoreline and will not do private shorelines. Sarah suggested organizing a shoreline clean-up if needed.
 - b. **Irrigation Ordinance:** Stacey reported there is no ordinance. Lake irrigation is at own risk. Treatment restrictions will be posted on the website.
 - c. **Daily Kayak Pass:** Administration of a daily pass has been explored but is difficult due to staffing and system access. The idea of an honor system donation box is being considered, Stacey will talk to Chief Paulus about the pros and cons of enforcement. Do a sign. Banners and signs for the launch need to be fabricated.
 - d. **Kids Fishing Derby and Carpfest:** Details have been hashed out, packets, banners and promotion need to take place.
 - e. **Compost Day and Internet Café:** Compost Day done in conjunction with SWALCO is a great event. Internet Café is a new addition that we can promote but don't have the staff to sponsor a viewing.
 - f. **Pollinator Garden at Converse:** Addison Morgan planted a pollinator garden at the Converse sign for her Gold Award and will take responsibility for watering. It is a great addition to the park and a sign will be fabricated to explain the importance of pollinator gardens.
 - g. **Lake Treatment:** The Lake was retreated on Monday. Stacey will email about treating beaches before Memorial Day.

New Business

- 7. Converse Park grant status:** The grant has been awarded but there is not enough time to plan an opening on the originally intended date.
- 8. Eutrophix PH reduction:** Stacey, Trevor and Chris met with representatives about a new product called Eutrophix. The cost is prohibitive at this time. Nutrient bags at Little Island Bay vs. Channel are being investigated and further conversation will take place with Integrated Lakes Management (ILM).
- 9. Change in Administrative Budget:** The Parks Lake Commission formerly administered a budget but after in depth consideration it was decided that a volunteer commission should not be in charge of this budget. The Director of Public Works is now the Project Manager on all Parks Lake initiated projects so it makes sense that Public Works administer the budget.
- 10. Public Comment:** Golden Oaks is not using ILM. Post treatment restrictions from ILM on need to go on the Village website.
- 11. Commissioner Comments:** Dave: There will be a meeting before Carp Fest. Update floating pier to manufactured pier ordinance. Eric announced that Lisa Norland resigned because she has moved. We need to add members.
- 12. Adjournment:** Dave motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40, Sarah seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Submitted by Stacey Pyne