

Parks and Lake Commission Meeting Minutes
Village of Island Lake
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
Monday, July 1, 2024, 6:30 p.m.



1. **Call to Order:** Chair Eric Acevedo called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Chair Eric Acevedo, Trustee Stacey Pyne, Alissa Rzepecki, Dave Sobieski, Trevor Mock Absent: Sarah Serio Wiora
3. **Approval of June 3, 2024 Minutes:** Alissa motioned to approve minutes as written, Dave seconded all approved
4. **Public Comment:** None

Old Business

5. **Park Plan:** Alissa started an outline park plan to and serve as lead. The plan will become a roadmap to guide projects. A punch list should be done every four months. New members of the commission should have an expressed interest in the parks.
6. **Kids Fishing Derby plan and Carp Fest report:** The event did not make money but was successful. Next year we need more sponsorship and to consider changing the focus to a general fishing derby. The T-shirts were very popular but the kid's derby shirts did not sell as well.
7. **Lake treatment update:** Duckweed is a big problem for the first time in three years. ILM is reluctant to treat because of a potential fish kill. Blue green algae needs to be priority in treatment. To date there have been no lake closures due to bacteria or suspected HABs.
8. **No Fishing signs at beaches:** Sign clutter at many parks makes the no fishing at beaches difficult to see. We should consider putting them in the water or right at water's edge.
9. **Floating pier ordinance:** The ordinance needs to be updated to allow for piers manufactured to float vs. homemade wood and barrel ones. Properties with deteriorating piers have been documented and citations will be issued in the future.
10. **Benches installed at Converse:** Newly purchased benches have been installed at Converse. The pavers and stakes with donor names salvaged from Castle Park could be turned into a plaque for the new playground or ideas from the community on how to repurpose them could be solicited. Eagle Scouts building benches for Converse could be placed along the walking path but need to be cemented in.

New Business

11. **Resignation of Eric Acevedo as Chair:** Eric submitted his resignation as Chair but will stay on the Commission. Trevor will be appointed as Chairperson.

12. **T-Mobile Community Grant submission and membership:** Lisa Woolford of Integrated Lake Environments and Stacey worked to submit a grant for \$50,000. The grant is to reduce the amount of PH coming into the lake by strategically placing nutrient deactivation bags. Several community members wrote letters of support and it was submitted on Friday.
13. **Eagle Scout project:** Sensory boards at Maple Ridge Park are being constructed by Charlie F. He presented his idea to the board and PW will assist where needed.
14. **Water quality study:** ILM has been approved to conduct water quality studies.
15. **Village Calendar and fall planning:** Fox River Days could be celebrated with a clean-up at the spillway since this is where the lake empties into the Fox. A brief educational session could be held about the history of the spill way and how it is used to prevent flooding. October 12 is the Lion's Fall Fest. Improvements made to Channel, Maple Ridge and Converse Parks could be celebrated through a scavenger hunt in conjunction with Fall Fest. As a way to encourage the community to visit these parks a golden pumpkin could be hidden for kids to find then get a prize. A CITO geocaching event is possible in early November.
16. **Fireworks water quality samples:** A community member is participating in a study about the effects of perchlorate in the water from fireworks. Samples will be collected before and after then submitted for testing.
17. **Public Comment:** None
18. **Commissioner comments:** Trevor reported that Tané would like to adopt Briar Beach and have sand toys available in a box for those using the beach to use. IDNR is carp shocking in the fall and a Big Island clean-up will be scheduled. He is ready to step up as Chair and appreciates the opportunity. Dave reminded us of his and Trevor's upcoming birthdays. Alissa is reworking the community questionnaire for use at Fall Fest and Eric will help since he did the initial one. Eric thanked the commission for working so hard under his leadership and said it was a pleasure being the Chair. He reminded us of all that has been learned and accomplished.
19. **Adjournment:** Eric made a motion to adjourn and Dave seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

Submitted by Stacey Pyne