

Parks and Lake Commission Meeting Minutes
Village of Island Lake
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
Monday, September 9, 2024 6:30pm.



1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Trevor Mock called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

Roll Call: Present: Chair Trevor Mock; Commission Members Sarah Serio Wiora, Dave Sobieski, Eric Acevedo; Absent: Alissa Rzepecki; Also present: Trustee Stacey Pyne

2. **Approval of August 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes:** Eric motioned to accept the minutes as written, Dave seconded, all approved
3. **Public Comment:** None

Old Business

4. **Planning and staffing of parks for Lions Fall Fest activity:** Trevor is not available; we need three people to staff the parks, and Brittany will cover Converse at our table. Promotion and purchasing ideas; make a poster with upgrades, sand toys, fishing gear, candy bucket, decoration kits for pumpkins at Converse. Touch a truck, find something on the truck. Work with Lions to get flyers out. Get on marquee.
5. **Timeline for Native Buffer at Channel Park and final payment on sign:** The buffer should be planted end of September, early October. Army Corps of Engineers allows installation of 550' of shoreline rip rap without a permit. We will rip rap above the buffer and around the storm water pipe projecting from the buffer.
6. **Final water quality testing results:** Integrated Lakes Management (ILM) presented the water quality results. They showed a PH level over 700% of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standard of water coming in from Mutton Creek.
7. **New Zoom account:** This meeting started the use of a new Zoom account. A microphone is needed to make the sound better.

New Business

8. **Finalize event calendar for Fall 2024 and 2025:** Park cleanup and geocache event will be November 9, 9-11am. Sled race date will be 1/25 or 2/8, 2025 1-3pm. Sled building workshop will be in the gym at 10am.
9. **Proposed ILM "State of the Lake" presentation in Oct or Nov:** Topics for content or presentation were discussed: Video tape presentation, series of smaller videos, measurable duckweed goal, (2019 last big duckweed episode), amount of duckweed Public Works is taking out with barge and cost to Public Works. Schedule for and use of WaterGator by volunteers 3 times a week. Presentation of dissolved O² stats collected by Public Works. Dredging plan and costs.

- 10. Sediment survey for PH and depth, separate costs:** The Village Board approved a PH sediment and depth study in the bays. Discussion ensued on aeration and water movers (volcanos). Canons never got put back in. Check into Go Fund Me for lake. Need to determine costs of dredging and fundraising strategy. Duckweed aesthetics vs. other projects for Public Works. Need to secure shoreline before dredging. A catch basin at the channel would help. Dewatering location needs to be identified. The Mutton Creek study has information about the flow of water and erosion. Treating the symptoms vs. plan. 319 grant is the big grant. Possible event for lake.
- 11. Public Comment:** Rip rap will be purchased we need 3-5 inch. Veterans Park shoreline is a good example of rip rap. Need signage about shoreline stabilization. More people should be looking at grants.
- 12. Commissioner Comments:** Sarah: Need long term plan vs. short term goals; refocus efforts on fundraising. We did a good job keeping the lake open this year. Dave: Some people feel the lake should be closed up but we need to continue to promote it as our biggest park. Eric: We are on the right track with partners and Public Works has been a major contributor to the success we are seeing. Stay focused on real problem. Stacey: Alissa created a rough draft park plan and community survey that serves as a starting point for the park plan. Lake Lovers hosted a Citizen Science training for Buffalo Grove High School that was very successful. Trevor: More people are needed to help and everyone is welcome. Need to talk to Dennis about raising money. We are actually keeping Island Lake in the public awareness. Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) may be able to shock for carp. The carp numbers are going down.
- 13. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Eric and seconded by Dave. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

Submitted by Stacey Pyne