

Parks and Lake Commission Meeting Minutes
Village of Island Lake
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
Monday, October 7, 2024, 6:30pm.



1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Trevor Mock called the meeting to order at 6:36pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Chair Trevor Mock; Commission Members Sarah Serio Wiora, Dave Sobieski, Eric Acevedo, Alissa Rzepecki. Also present: Trustee Stacey Pyne
3. **Approval of September 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes:** Alissa motioned to accept the minutes as written, Dave seconded, all approved.
4. **Public Comment:** It was suggested that the second public comment be added back in at the end of the agenda. All agreed

Old Business

5. **Fall Fest:** Commission members committed to hours and assignments for manning the Golden Pumpkin activity. Everything is ready, including the opportunity to have attendees vote on any additional pieces of playground equipment; assignments will be distributed during the morning meeting at Converse.
6. **State of the Lake Presentation:** ILM gave a couple of dates but we need to wait until the water sediment phosphorous studies are back. It was recommended that we record it for future viewing.
7. **Project Updates;**
 - a. Sensory Panels at Maple Ridge: Being completed and installed by Charlie for Eagle Scout project.
 - b. Native Buffer at Channel Park: Public Works completed grading for Integrated Lakes Management (ILM) install on October 2.
 - c. Converse Park: Public Works is clearing trees in preparation for a sidewalk or mulch path from Island Foods to Converse.
8. **Carp shock with Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR):** The Carp Crew of Trevor Mock, Mark Beeson, Ed Venner and Dave Sobieski have scheduled with IDNR for October 18 at 10am. Carp removal led to a discussion of the beaver dams on Mutton Creek and the possibility of needing to relocate them with a licensed trapper. The dam is completely blocking the flow of water into the creek and serious conversation needs to take place about removing the beavers. Ken Wick recommended Stephanie Fitzimmons as a reputable consult on the issue.
9. **Water Gator and harvester use update:** The Weed Gator has been out as often as Public Works is able to get it out around other jobs. The idea of volunteers being trained to use it came up again; Stacey will check with Dennis about insuring agencies liability concerns. Concerns that the Gator is not suitable to the size of the lake were raised again. The Barge that was converted for duck weed removal was vandalized and a lot of the equipment was dumped in the lake; some was recovered. The need for a camera at Eastway was addressed. Stacey reported that Chief Paulus is in contact for camera upgrades at Maple Ridge and Village Hall.

New Business

- 10. Microphone and Zoom Meeting:** Procuring a microphone will potentially make the sound on Zoom better. Follow up if Zoom meetings will continue.
- 11. Sign for Pollinator Garden, Puri Family Park and Channel Park:** A sign for the Pollinator Garden planted by Addison at Converse for her Girl Scout Gold Award needs to be purchased and installed. This line item has been depleted in the Commission budget so Stacey will check with Public Works Director Chris Carlsen about purchasing it from the Public Works (PW) budget. Signage for Puri Family Park and Channel Park North were budgeted for this year with the intent to upgrade to stone signs by budgeting two per year. This is also in the PW budget and will be worked on before the end of the fiscal year.
- 12. Public Comment:** A request last month for getting the lake cost of lake treatment is in progress, but not yet completed. Director Carlsen answered questions regarding the status of Puri Family Park.
- 13. Commissioner Comments:** Alissa: The Park Plan is in rough draft form. Dave: He found parts of the pump from the barge submerged in the lake, and asked about stocking the lake before winter. Eric: Commended completion of the Native Buffer and will get Cardboard Sled flyers done once info is finalized. Sarah: Is still concerned with fundraising; the idea of charging a \$5 fee for the sled race was discussed. Stacey: With Clerk Georgine Cooper's spreadsheet help, completed the progress reports for both the playground and buffer grants. Trevor: Expressed the sense of accomplishment the Commission should have by completing the Native Buffer and that the carp shocks are really making a difference in the lake.
- 14. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Dave and seconded by Alissa. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Submitted by Stacey Pyne