

Parks and Lake Commission Meeting Minutes
Village of Island Lake
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
Monday, November 4, 2024, 6:30pm.



1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Trevor Mock called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
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 October 7 2024 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were not completed and will be available at the December meeting.
4. **Public Comment:** None

Old Business

5. **Saturday, November 9 Clean- up and Cache in Trash Out (CITO) event:** Thank you to Marnie and Panda for coordinating this event. Stacey and anyone else available will be there.
6. **Sensory Panels at Maple Ridge:** Charlie will coordinate with Public Works (PW) on install of panels for his Eagle Scout project.
7. **IDNR Carp Shock Results:** Thank you to the Carp Crew and Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for removing 253 carp from Island Lake. IDNR staff also commented on how good the lake looks. Carp Fest next year needs to have ongoing activities at Eastway added: music, carp cooking lessons, etc.; more opportunity to have people just hang out as a community is needed.

New Business

8. **Discussion of proposed ordinance to divide Parks and Lake Commission into 2 commissions.**
Rich announced his intent to again separate the Parks and Lake Commission beginning Jan. 2025. There is no other information other than replacing the Trustee currently over Parks and Lake. The current commission will work at getting Allissa's work on the Park Plan into a shareable form before then.
9. **Public Comment:** There needs to be an updated publication with all the Parks.
10. **Commissioner Comments:** Public Works Director Chris Carlsen reported that the piers are being taken out at Eastway and that he will follow up on water mover removal by Tigris. Sarah: Thinks continuing with the sled race is good as it brings community together; she supported stocking the lake with feeder fish, and thought the idea of a catch basin on Mutton Creek should be included in long term lake planning. The permitting process and costs for this require engineering design and most likely will require a large grant for completion. Dave: Really thinks feeder fish need to be stocked and is willing to contact the provider for an estimate that is within our budget. Trevor: Thinks the fish will overwinter okay but is willing to stock if the budget is there. He would like to trial a carp fence around Big Island and potentially get the fence donated;

encouraged further work on the sled race as it is such a great winter event. Eric: Suggested compiling a list of accomplishments made by this Parks Lake Commission; in light of fundraising need, he proposed a \$5 fee for each sled entered in the sled race and expanding food offerings. Brainstorming acquiring donations for the parks and lake needs should continue. Alissa: Will update the park plan and share prior to the December meeting—which she may not be able to attend due to work commitments. Trustee Pyne reported that an updated plant and plug list was received from Integrated Lakes Management (ILM) and that with the current playground equipment purchase we are \$11,000 over the DCEO grant amount. She spoke with Public Works Director Chris Carlsen and the difference can come out of the PW equipment budget for this fiscal year. The Native Buffer sign is in and we need to decide where to put it. The general consensus is to place on the southside so that the growing buffer can be seen. PW will install. Ideas for a nature play area were also discussed. Trustee Pyne also suggested that the sled hill be closed to the public during the sled race and that info be put on the flyer. She can bring it to the board for approval.

11. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Sarah and seconded by Alissa. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

Submitted by Stacey Pyne