



Village of Lake in the Hills

600 Harvest Gate, Lake in the Hills, Illinois 60156

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

MARCH 2, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Roll Call was answered by Members Wackerlin, Cairns, Donahue, and Chairwoman Tredore.

Vice-Chairman Andrea, Member Carman, and Member Sivakumar were not present.

Also present were, Director of Parks and Recreation Trevor Bosack, Recreation Superintendent Kim Buscemi, Superintendent of Public Properties Scott Parchutz, Trustee Diane Murphy, President Ray Bogadanowski, and Recording Secretary Dana Popovich.

Audience Participation

Lake in the Hills resident Scott Surman said he was contacted by Director Bosack in regards to the agenda item discussing the beach. He is interested in the signage and concerned about safety at the beach.

Director Bosack said that on tonight's agenda there will be a policy discussion about Chapter 8.

Chairwoman Tredore asked resident Scott Surman if he would prefer to speak after the policy discussion concerning Chapter 8.

Lake in the Hills resident Scott Surman thought that would be best.

Lake in the Hills resident Greg Samin said he is at the meeting tonight to discuss the lake and the lack of attention that is paid to it. He said there has been a steady decline in the upkeep of the lake and would like to be part of the discussion concerning the lake.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the Parks and Recreation meeting minutes of February 2, 2023 was made by Member Cairns, and seconded by Member Wakelin. The motion was approved by a voice vote of 4-0.

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Informational Item Concerning Chapter 8: Parks, Lakes, and Beaches Policy Discussion

Parks and Recreation Director Trevor Bosack presented information on Indian Trail Beach and the upcoming summer operations. Director Bosack posed the question as to the Parks and Recreation Board's recommendation on whether access to the beach should be limited to during the summer peak season or year-round. Director Bosack stated one recommendation could be to consider Indian Trail Beach a 'beach' between Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Parks and Recreation Board Member Michael Cairns asked about the operations at Crystal Lake. Director Bosack



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stated that Crystal Lake charges for non-residents between Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Parks and Recreation Board Member Brad Wackerlin questioned if the proposed beach attendant was also a lifeguard.

Director Bosack indicated that it was a beach attendant position only and that there are no lifeguards on duty.

Director Bosack brought up access to Indian Trail Beach related to the winter season and ice skating and ice fishing as winter activities.

Member Wackerlin questioned if the hours to the beach would be restricted from 9:30 to 5:00 during the peak season.

Director Bosack explained the current status of Indian Trail Beach and the role of the beach attendant. It was explained that at times last season Indian Trail Beach would be open after the beach attendant left.

Director Bosack explained that when the gate is open and closed outside of the beach attendant supervision, it is difficult to monitor for residency.

Member Wackerlin asked if there were times that were more problematic than other and, if so, was the gate attendant effective in limiting access.

Director Bosack explained that the gate attendant was effective in turning away non-residents.

Director Bosack identified that \$12,600 was budgeted for staff salaries in 2023 which could cover staff proposed hours. Director Bosack asked for a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Board as to whether access to the beach should be removed, for example to lock the gate, if a beach attendant were not available to work.

Parks and Recreation Board Chairperson Diane Tredore asked if there were a backup for the beach attendant.

Director Bosack stated that the salaries could hire up to three (3) attendants and that there were no authorized dollars in the 2023 budget for full-time staff to cover shifts.

Member Cairns questioned if the policy were to be changed, then the beach would be closed if there were no attendants to work.

Director Bosack affirmed that if the policy were changed, the gate would be locked if there were no staff available to work.

Chairperson Tredore petitioned the board for any additional questions. There were none.

Village Resident Scott Surman made a public comment thanking the Parks and Recreation Board and recommended the use of a key fob in lieu of staff to limit access to Indian Trail Beach.

Village Resident Greg Samin presented to the Parks and Recreation Board the consideration to look at all of the



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access points to Woods Creek Lake and review operations. Mr. Samin reviewed his history of living in the Village and attending events at Indian Trail Beach. Mr. Samin stated that access should be for residents only. Mr. Samin made a recommendation to have portable toilets at the beaches and parks around the lake.

Chairperson Tredore asked if staff had looked into the cost of a key fob.

Director Bosack explained the current gate system at the Bark Park as a point of reference. Director Bosack indicated that he had not looked into the cost due to possible limitations in distributing codes of key fobs.

Chairperson Tredore stated that at a previous job, she had a key card registered to her. She asked if each household could receive their own key card.

Director Bosack stated that it could be looked into but did highlight concerns with administrative oversight.

Mr. Samin stated another option could be using a cell phone. Mr. Samin brought up some possible challenges with access with a gate system, highlighting an example of a mom with a stroller.

Director Bosack asked for a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Board regarding access. Director Bosack stated that he was not sure if he should pursue a key fob system if that were not the direction of the Parks and Recreation Board.

A Village Resident reinforced her support for a key fob system.

Director Bosack reindicated the need for the Parks & Recreation Board to make a recommendation prior to having a conversation to limit access.

A Resident stated it would be her recommendation to eliminate people using Indian Trail Beach to enter the water via watercraft.

Director Bosack asked the Parks and Recreation Board for their recommendation on allowing fishing or boating from Indian Trail Beach. Areas that could support boating or fishing were identified and potential language to further define the swimming area was proposed.

Member Wackerlin stated he would support boat launch and fishing from Indian Trail Beach - at a distance, to be determined, away from the swimming area as identified by markers or signs.

Director Bosack indicated that boating and fishing could be allowed at different distances from the shoreline based on the season.

Director Bosack asked for additional feedback on boating and fishing from the Parks and Recreation Board. There was no additional feedback.

Director Bosack queried the Parks and Recreation Board if there was support in waiving the fishing permit fees for disabled and blind persons. He indicated that all persons should still acquire a Lake in the Hills fishing permit for consistency; however, some people would have their fees waived.



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The Parks and Recreation Board concurred with the proposed change.

Director Bosack presented information from the most recent fish survey report.

Director Bosack asked the Parks and Recreation Board for a recommendation to add language to Chapter 8 of the Municipal Code regarding ice fishing.

The Parks and Recreation Board indicated their recommendation to propose the changes to the Village Board.

Director Bosack reviewed the next steps, proposed signage, and communication efforts.

Parks and Recreation Board Member Tara Donahue and Member Wackerlin both suggested adding language to the proposed signs.

Member Wackerlin suggested adding lighting to the signage.

Village President Ray Bogdanowski indicated that it would be important to set the ground rules for the opening and closing of the beach.

The Parks and Recreation Board allowed for final public comment.

Mr. Samin stated that it would be his preference to only allow boat launches at Indian Trail Beach and not allow fishing. Mr. Samin suggested that the Village host a carp fishing derby and a free fishing day. Mr. Samin suggested that if truly a 'catch and release' lake to let the Illinois Department of Natural Resources know of that status. Mr. Samin asked about the lake use versus fishing permit language.

Director Bosack explained the difference between a fishing permit and the previously issued lake use tags.

Mr. Samin questioned the size of motors on boats.

Director Bosack indicated that trolling motors only are allowed on the lake.

Mr. Surman provided additional clarification on electric outboard motors. Mr. Surman questioned the number of signatures that would be required on a petition to turn the lake into residents only regarding fishing, boating, or access.

Chairperson Tredore thanked the residents for their input.

Staff Reports

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Kim Buscemi discussed some of last month's events, which included Daddy Daughter Date Night. The event had two hundred and thirty participants and was a huge success. Superintendent Buscemi reviewed upcoming events, such as Family Bingo Night, which was already at capacity. Senior trips are still coordinating with neighboring communities, Senior Drop-in day is going great and Summer Camp registration has begun.



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Member Wackerlin thanked Superintendent Buscemi for adding the time and location for events.

Superintendent of Public Properties Scott Parchutz said they are hiring seasonal workers at this time and if you know anyone interested direct them to our website.

Village Trustee Liaison Report

Village President Ray Bogdanowski asked for clarification on the recommendation for Chapter 8. He asked if we are talking about making the beach resident only.

Director Bosack said the way that we have approached this is to take a look at our current operations and identify some of the challenges that currently exist on beach access outside of staffed hours during the summer.

President Bogdanowski said as far as the beach is concerned that has been resident only for the past few years.

Director Bosack said yes, that is correct.

President Bogdanowski said that tonight we are just discussing the beach, and not making any decisions at tonight meeting. We are looking for ideas that will help serve all the residents of Lake in the Hills.

Member Reports

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Member Donahue, and seconded by Member Cairns. The motion was approved by a voice vote 4-0.

There being no further business to discuss, the Parks and Recreation Board meeting was adjourned at 7:49PM.

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dana Popovich".

Dana Popovich

Recording Secretary