

ILDC Meeting
June 17, 2020

Attendance: 35 people

- President Dale Frymyer opened the meeting at 7:30 pm, welcomed everyone and then gave us the sad news that Nathan Thatcher had passed away from a massive heart attack. He was remembered with a moment of silence. Dale introduced and welcomed Hiedie Whitman, our new State Park Manager. Hiedie has held various positions at numerous State Parks over the years including Buck Creek, Grand Lake, Lake Loramie and Kiser Lake. Dale welcomed new members and asked that each one introduce themselves.
- Our last meeting was Feb. 19th and we did not have the minutes available.
- Pat Blinn presented two financial statements. One covering Feb. 19th to May 27th, 2020. The second one covers June 1 to June 17th. The February beginning balance was \$85,785.78. Ending balance June 17th was \$106,450.69. Of note, there is \$53,946.60 in the Fox Island Project. A Pay Pal Giving Fund was set up and \$96.87 was raised the first part of June. An anonymous donor has given us \$10,000 which is not in the above total. Russ Speelman made a motion to accept the treasurer's report; seconded by Charlie Strete. Motion carried.
- Dave Leiter reported we have 527 people signed up for 2020. Not all dock licenses have been sent out so we expect more memberships to come in.

Old Business:

- Recap of the Boat Show was written up in the Spring Newsletter.
- When the Maple Syrup Festival was cancelled at the last minute, there were a few bills that had to be paid and several requests for refunds.
- We still need sponsors for two of the holes on the Frisbee Golf Course.
- Cynthia Defibaugh reported that Saul Bauer, Supervisor of the Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities sent a donation of \$6,000 from the flower sales for the Fox Island project. They are dedicated to our project and have promised profits from the October BBQ will also go to the playground. The next step in the project is to determine the drainage for the area. Then we need someone to do the work and hopefully, that will be donated.
- There has been positive feedback from the public for the plans for an Indian Lake Gateway Sign to be placed in Lakeview Harbor. The plans include a picnic area, a history walk and landscaping. Final cost has not been determined. The Fox Island all-inclusive playground takes priority.
- Bill Golden has been talking with Rob (State Park Maintenance Manager) about bat houses for the Chippewa area.
- The ILDC website has good information and feedback has been positive. We need to update the photo on the home page with the current Governor's name on the sign.
- The Fall Festival will be relocated from A area camping to the B Area.

New Business:

- The Spring Newsletter has been published. We welcome comments.
- Francine suggested that we start a free book exchange with cabinets located at various points in the campgrounds and along trails. The schools have been asked to help with the cabinets, but this is all on hold.
- Tim Andrews suggested that we do a memorial for Nathan. Some suggestions were a plaque dedicating the Sugar Shack or the Frisbee Golf course to him. Nathan also did a lot of work repairing the Moundwood playground. This will be discussed further at our next meeting.
- Comment was made that the boat buoys are looking dingy. The reflective tape does not show up at night. Also, there is concern for lack of buoys in some areas. Lieutenant Dawn Roberts, (ODNR Parks & Watercraft) is developing a plan for the placement of the buoys for next season. Addressing the condition of the buoys needs further discussion.
- There is no signage for the Moundwood Archery. Sometimes you can't even see them depending on the placement of the dumpsters. Hiedie will look into it.
- A tree fell on Little Walnut over to Big Walnut Island and the channel is blocked. The question was raised whose responsibility is it to remove the tree. This channel was initially reported as a "private channel", but they do not exist on Indian Lake.
- Questions were asked about the status of the Dredges. Neither are running. Rumor has it that the Lilly Pad cutter is broken. Hiedie is checking on the cutter. It had been approved to run for 3 weeks. The new DMRA area in Chippewa is being worked on.

Committee Reports:

- Charlie reported that he has been setting up work dates. They are picking up trash, trimming trees, straightening posts and trees. There is a site called "Indian Lake - Staying up to Speed" on line. He is posting work days & times on this site and that information will also go on the ILDC website. They have completed the Southside of the Lake, Pew Island, Fox Island, Post Office Island and the West bank. He further commented that the people taking care of the ODNR signs are doing a good job & they look great.
- Dale reported that 4 benches have been installed plus we have one ready for the next order. One Memorial tree was planted this spring and there are 9 more trees to be planted this fall.

Hiedie Whitman gave us a breakdown of what has happened since her hire and steps implemented by Governor DeWine to manage Covid-19.

March 18 – Her first day at Indian Lake State Park & all hiring was frozen.

March 22 – Staff were told to lock all the buildings, including the restrooms and walk away.
Spending was cut to \$0.

April 3 – Managers were allowed to visit the park. Central office working from home.

April 12 – Hiring freeze continues but 3 maintenance and 1 Supervisor were allowed to return 4 days a week. Office staff still working from home.

May 3 – Maintenance returned.

May 6 – Internet was hacked and phones were down.

May 20 – 3 seasonal workers were allowed to come back 3 days before the Memorial Day Holiday weekend. They concentrated on mowing & restrooms.

June 1 – Office staff returned, but still without phones or internet. One maintenance person went out on medical leave. He is fine, but still has not returned to work.

Now – The Park has the approval to hire 3 more maintenance people. One position has been filled.

July starts the new fiscal year. The State Park budget was cut by \$8k. The Commissary will not open. There will be pay cuts and money is still frozen. The July 4th fireworks are being held on private property because the Governor will not allow the managers to sign permits until after July 15th. Restricted areas on the walking path and in the water will be blocked off. No special arrangements are being made for Old Field Beach.

Hiedie was asked about plans to control Zebra Mussels in our water. She said the State has not issued anything on that, yet. Hiedie was also asked about the seaweed. She said that a plan with a chemical company was already approved and the area to be sprayed mapped out for this year.

Dale thanked everyone for coming and their comments. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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