

ILDC Meeting
September 16, 2020

Attendance: 24 people

- President Dale Frymyer called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
- The Secretary's report from August 19, 2020 was read, motion made to accept by Bob Easterday, seconded by Randy Wax. Approved.
- Pat Blinn gave the Treasurer's report. Beginning balance on August 18, 2020 was \$117,780.28. Ending balance September 16th was \$118,263.62. Ben Pile made a motion to accept the treasurer's report; seconded by Dave Helgeson. Motion carried
- Dave Leiter reported we have 586 memberships for 2020. All memberships received after the end of September will be counted as 2021.

Old Business:

- Invoices for the Frisbee Golf Course sponsors for 2021 will go out in January.
- Mark & Carol Savchitz are following up on the library cabinets with a basic design. Mark will build a sample of one for the next meeting.
- Discussion about the ILDC Christmas dinner continues to be postponed.
- Dale will put the presentation intended for ILDC Day on the website.
- Stainless steel tags with laser cut information on how to contact ILDC about the Memorial Bench program have been installed on all existing benches.
- Cynthia Defibaugh and Saul Bauer, Supervisor of the Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities, did an interview on WPKO radio station to widen the awareness of the Fox Island Project. In addition, Cynthia wrote an e-mail to Director Mertz to bring to her attention ILDC's intention to build an all-inclusive Playground at Fox Island. Cynthia inquired about the status of the upgrade to the restrooms at Fox Island that would increase accessibility. A copy of that e-mail is attached.
- Mike Hibner of Midstates Recreation gave a presentation of possible layouts for the proposed all-inclusive playground. It included 3-D layouts of equipment from Playworld Playground equipment and Berliner Equipment. Rough cost estimates ranged from 300k to over 375k. These layouts were presented to give us a starting point for discussion to further refine what we want for that area.

New Business:

- We are still looking for volunteers for teams to oversee the Maple Syrup Festival and the Frisbee Golf Course.

Committee Reports:

- Park volunteers are looking for suggestions and/or ideas for projects or areas that need attention. The spillway area, including the jetties, has been cleared of weeds. Work also was done along the guardrails even though that area belongs to ODOT.

- Deadline for the Fall ILDC Newsletter is Sept. 30th. The ILDC ad for the IL Visitors Guide and the article are completed and being reviewed by Dale.
- Dale reported that we have 17 Memorial Trees to be planted this fall and two benches to be installed. There is the potential for 4 more benches. Rachel Kubic checked several other local nurseries. The conclusion was that our current supplier, Allentown Nursery, was a good deal. There is some concern that it might be difficult to purchase enough trees this year due to unavailability of stock.
- Rachel Kubic made a motion that we plant a tree in honor of the Leiter family for all the work they do in support of ILDC. Seconded by Nancy Roelig. Motion carried.
- In mid-October, a number of trees are being cut down on Fox Island and the Park needs help getting them cut up. The sign about the all-inclusive playground has been moved to Fox Island. Next we need to proceed with a drainage plan. When it is drawn up, it will be sent to the State for approval.

Hiedie Whitman reported on the following items:

- The Scout is continuing to clean out the silt traps along the West Bank. The Chief finished Black Hawk and has moved to North Fork.
- They will start using the Manchester DMRA soon. Also, work will begin to reclaim the Pew Island DMRA.
- A small committee will be set up to assess and review our dredging program. The goal is to develop a 5-year plan.
- The Park is continuing to process PO's to replace all fixtures with touchless. Baby changing stations in all the restrooms will be replaced.
- The campgrounds are full until the end of October. There will be two Halloween weekends.
- A main water line broke in C area of the campground and was repaired.
- Heidi wanted to specially mention Kirk Bowen, our newest Park Officer, who did an outstanding job helping a family whose truck rolled into Kaiser Lake and they lost everything. She also mentioned Tim Mullen for taking care of lily pad complaint areas.
- There is a new group called "Boaters Helping Boaters" that is being organized on the Lake. It is a number you can call if you get stranded on the water.

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

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Email from Cynthia Defibaugh, ILDC Fox Island Playground Chairperson to Mary Mertz, Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Tues, Sept., 15, 2020

Dear Director Mertz:

Thank you for your attention to this email. You may or may not have Indian Lake on your immediate radar, but we would like to bring to your attention to the proposed all-inclusive playground for Fox Island State Beach by ILDC, a non-profit group dedicated to improving our great state parks here at Indian Lake.

Fox Island is one of the gems of the Indian Lake State Park system, a quiet, shaded area for swimming, fishing, family picnics and reunions. We feel that Fox Island is the idea place for an all-inclusive playground. The proposed project will cost approximately \$250,000. We are well on our way to obtaining that goal.

We understand when George Sholtis was park manager of Indian Lake that a new handicap-accessible restroom was possible for Fox Island and had been proposed. We know that there have been budget cuts due to the Covid-19 virus; however, please know that more and more people are staying close to home and utilizing our state parks. We see it here everyday. I would like to know if that restroom facility is still a possibility in the next year or two. Fox Island is the only park area that did not get a restroom upgrade with the others many years ago. Granted, Fox Island was on sanitary sewer at the time when the others were on vault toilets. I remember it well as I worked for the Logan County Sanitary Sewer District when they went in. The time has truly come for the upgrade for Fox Island.

With the investment that the ILDC is willing to make, along with the Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities for an addition of an all-inclusive playground, this restroom would further enhance the experience for those with mobility issues.

Along with this proposed all-inclusive playground by ILDC and the Logan County Board of DD, another group will be placing a solid runway and platform on the right side of the beach, facing the water so those with wheelchairs may be easily brought to the water's edge. Otherwise, they struggle to move through the sand. Fox Island also has a handicap fishing pier.

I strongly urge you to consider this restroom upgrade a priority for your next budget. This addition will make Fox Island one of the most all-inclusive, people friendly state parks in the Ohio system.

On a side note, I noticed in your biography that you are an avid sailor but had not listed Indian Lake as one of your sailing haunts. Come to Indian Lake and as a trustee of the Indian Lake Yacht Club, I will see that you are sailing on Indian Lake as our honored guest. There's still great sailing in September and October.

Please come and see the potential of this great park area. We would be greatly honored.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Defibaugh