

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Workshop Meeting Highlights June 4, 2019



LAKE ELLYN INVASIVE EGERIA DENSA UPDATE (INVASIVE PLANT)

Naturalist Frigo discussed the presence of an aggressive weed, known as Brazilian elodea (*Egeria densa*), growing in Lake Ellyn that was discovered during a routine review of algae issues by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) back in August 2018. Frigo stated that this invasive, submerged aquatic plant appeared to be growing around the majority of the lake's perimeter.

Frigo discussed the challenges in detecting *Egeria* as it is not often present in this region and is often mistaken for elodea (native) and hydrilla (non-native). As this plant is highly invasive, it can create an unbalanced ecosystem, impede lake activities, and potentially spread downstream if not addressed in timely and effective manner. Frigo reached out to McCloud Aquatics, to further understand this plant and the treatment options and shared the various options with the Park Board.

Frigo discussed the three options of eradicating this plant; draining the Lake, mechanically treating the plant and chemically treating. Frigo stated that chemically treating the plant is the most practical and would be included within our current chemical service plan that the District implements within Lake Ellyn. Frigo briefed the Board on the process of the chemical treatment, the steps involved and the timeline of the process. The Park Board agreed that the chemical intervention appeared to be the best course of action and Naturalist Frigo stated a follow up presentation regarding *Egeria densa* will take place following treatment.

SUMMER RECREATION PREVIEW (2019)

Superintendent of Recreation Esposito provided an overview of the Summer Programs offered by the Park District. Esposito discussed the new marketing efforts to publicize the many upcoming events within the District. Programs at Sunset Pool, Maryknoll Park and Ackerman Park were then highlighted. Esposito also reviewed the various athletic programs, adult programming, nature camps and the many summer camps that were offered. Lastly, various Special Events were discussed that will be held this summer and Esposito provided information on the last 100-Year celebration that will take place in early November culminating our year long list of 100-Year celebration events.