

Lake Street Park Potential Options

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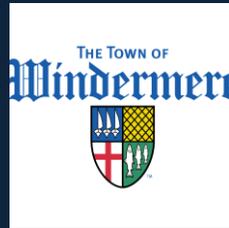
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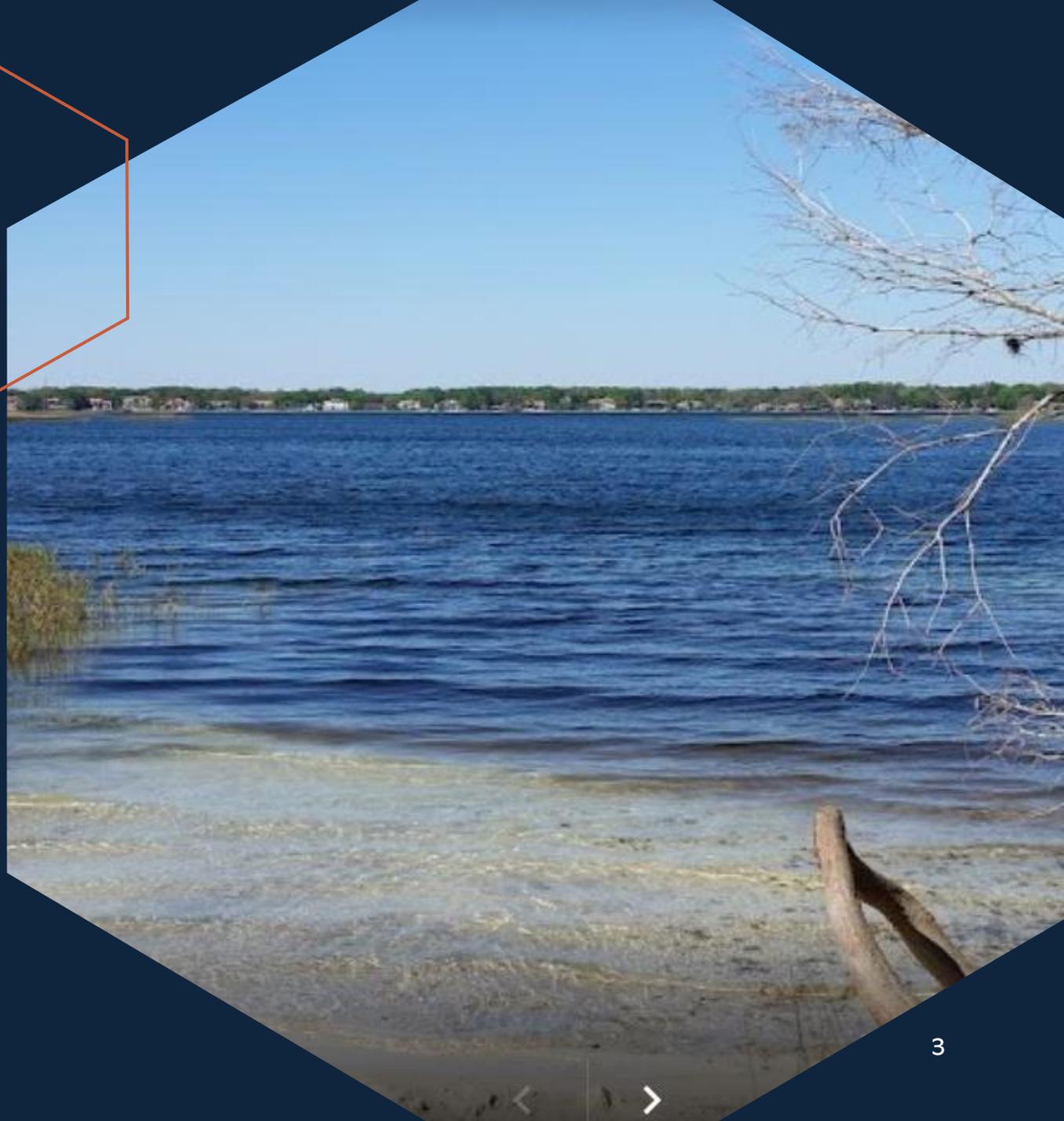
Introduction

Residents have experienced unacceptable behavior from those using this park.

FRDAP grants, funded by FDEP, were used to make improvements to this park.

Exploration of multiple layers will be needed to address these impacts

At a Town Council workshop on March 28, 2023, Town Council provided staff with a list of Items for further exploration.



DEP Discussion



Not able to return grant funds

Can still restrict access/but must still grant public access

Can charge a fee for use

Can restrict days/hours pass holders can use the Park

Can require an acknowledgment/hold harmless agreement. Access can be terminated if acknowledgement parameters are violated

Town Council Exploration Items

1. Get pricing on fencing and access system for Lake Street and Lake Down Parks updated
2. Determine where the fencing can go at both parks especially at Lake Street Park due to the high-water designation. Determine the process for installing fencing at Lake Street due to its close proximity to the water.
3. Continue to work with Orange County EPD on establishing a swim area if possible
4. Explore a non-resident fee option and process for this
5. Look at options for no roof, metal roof, or keeping the existing roof at the boat dock at Lake Street Park
6. Explore SEO/Security Officer/Volunteer Patrol/Off Duty Officer or Extra Sherriff Patrol for the Park
7. Review options with Town Attorney to ensure the process and plan are feasible

Town Council Action Items



Get pricing on fencing and access system for Lake Street and Lake Down Parks updated

Park	Fencing and Gates	Access System	Grand Total
Lake Street Park - 5th St	\$12,750.00	\$20,490.00	\$33,240.00
Lake Down Park - 4th St	\$4,200.00	\$10,960.00	\$15,160.00

Town Council Action Items

Determine where the fencing can go at both parks





Town Council Action Items

Determine where the fencing can go at both parks especially at Lake Street Park due to the high-water designation. Determine the process for installing fencing at Lake Street due to its close proximity to the water.

If above normal high water mark no permit required

If below normal high water mark then a Conservation Area Impact (CAI) permit from Orange County would be required. They would likely call the impact “de-minimis” and not require mitigation, but the CAI permit would still be required.

Need to perform a survey by engineers to determine normal high water mark.

- \$5000 to perform a site review/delineation, gathering of documentation for the permit submittal and coordination with Orange County EPD

Town Council Action Items

Continue to work with Orange County EPD on establishing a swim area if possible

Not as likely as Bird Island, but Staff will continue to work with OC BOC and Florida Fish and Wildlife.



Town Council Action Items

Explore a non-resident fee option and process for this

Require non-resident public to buy a pass, just like a boat ramp pass. Residents get a code for no fee, just like the ped gate at Fernwood.

Can restrict days and hours these folks can use their access code

\$50 annual pass to use this park for non-residents

Do not have to charge residents a fee as the argument is they already pay for this in their non ad valorem tax, which a non-resident does not contribute to.

There is law that supports a non-resident fee, but to defend a challenge an agency needs to be able to show a definite financial burden in park maintenance costs to justify a higher fee for nonresidents.

Restricted hours and days requires a justification for nonresidents such as individuals safety, harm to the park, etc.

Town Council Action Items

Look at options for no roof, metal roof, or keeping the existing roof at the boat dock at Lake Street Park



a. Metal roof quote: \$5,535

a. Remove the roof structure - \$2840.

Town Council Action Items

Explore SEO/Security Officer/Volunteer Patrol/Off Duty Officer or Extra Sherriff Patrol for the Park

a. Look for volunteers first

b. Or a Paid Employee as follows:

- Salary = 25 hours per week @ \$18 per hour = \$23,400
- Uniforms = \$500
- Transportation = 10K – 25K (golf cart vs. small specially equipped vehicle)
- Equipment = 9k (radio alone is 8K, flashlight, stop signs, electronics to print tickets, etc.)
- Training = 2K
- Misc. = 1K

\$60,900

Summary

Resolution to these issues will require multiple layers, adjustments and modifications, as well as sweat equity.

The plan is to work towards minimizing and decreasing the impacts.

These steps may require some discomfort or extra steps for residents.



Thank you

