

Year 1 Of Lake Glenview Boating Complete

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Lake Glenview's inaugural year of boating is in the books.

Boating began May 27 and ended Oct. 1 this year for non-motorized vessels limited to kayaks, canoes and rowboats.

Boating was allowed for the first time since the man made lake was built in the 1990s after village ordinances and park policies were changed last spring to allow boating. Park district officials said 49 permits were issued to boaters this year.

Next year's boating season will run from May 1 to Oct. 1. This year's season began later as the final intergovernmental agreement between the village and park district was not approved by village trustees until mid-May.

Park district officials received no complaints about boating, although some residents who were issued boating permits did say they want to be able to drive boats up to the boat launch off West Lake Avenue between Goldenrod

and Butterfly lanes.

Michele Fiore, park district spokesperson, said that would not be allowed "due to safety reasons."

"From a safety standpoint, motorized traffic crossing the walking/running trails surrounding the lake could pose a risk to those pedestrians," Fiore said.

The district uses an automated lightning warning system using a siren that can be heard on the lake. Fiore said next year's plans are to plant a red flag at the boat launch when conditions are not safe to be on the water.

Fiore said there are also plans to install additional signage in the parking lot to near Goldenrod and Butterfly allow boaters to more easily find the boat launch.

The 45-acre Lake Glenview was built on what were once runways at Naval Air Station Glenview, which became The Glen after the base closed in the mid-1990s. The lake's average depth is 16 feet and is 19 feet deep at its deepest point. The lake is home to man made islands which boaters are not



The Nortons, parents Bruce and Kristina and children Terissa, 6, and Julian, 7, were some of the first to take to the waters of Lake Glenview in early June. (Journal file photo)

allowed on.

The area around the lake supports a habitat for wildlife including great blue herons, crayfish, bullfrogs, snapping

turtles, northern water snakes and dragonflies. The lake itself is stocked with marine life like walleye, northern pike, largemouth bass, channel cat-

fish, fathead minnows, green sunfish and bluegill. Fishing, under the park district's catch and release policy, is allowed from both boats and shore.

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(Continued from page 3A) "apples to apples" comparison, leading him to feel uncomfort-

able with the project. Brady said guidelines for this type of development do exist.

"Where are standards I can see?" Trustee John Hinkamp asked of planned development rules.

"It's more art than science," Village Attorney Eric Patt

replied.

"If we don't have a set of rules, then we have to look at precedent," Trustee Scott Britton said.

Because the meeting was

missing two village trustees, Trustee Phil White moved consideration be tabled until the Thursday, Nov. 9 village board meeting. Trustees unanimously agreed.



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