

Hi there,

I understand there will be a meeting on the boat ramp on March 2 and I am writing my thoughts as a way of participating in case I cannot make the meeting.

One of the things I love about living in River Grove is the boat ramp. Access to the lake is so restrictive that it feels patently unfair as a member of the LO community so the boat ramp is that much more dear to me. The peace I get from being on the river among the wildlife and (most of the time) quiet is hard to replace elsewhere.

I understand the people living next to the ramp are unhappy with it's use but I don't understand why.... *They bought their homes knowing the ramp was there.* Understandably, last year it got increased use. I think the pandemic, the isolation, the financial stress people are under made paddling on the water a welcomed relief. Can't they see it in their hearts to let go their complaints for a year or two while we get things back to normal?

That said, I would be for the following:

- 1) keep the gate open during hours of operation;
- 2) issue a statement upholding public access and condemning the intimidation, harassment, menacing and interference of people using the boat ramp;
- 3) conduct a survey of boat ramp property lines and install a 6-foot fence to give neighbors and ramp users privacy- if this would actually make a difference?
- 4) reverse the neglect of the ramp by removing invasive vegetation and planting native riparian, low maintenance vegetation and installing erosion mitigation on the upstream bank; and
- 5) consider different parking options.
- 6) consider a trash container installation that is regularly picked up
- 7) consider a temporary porta potty in the park during the months of highest usage May-September.

Thanks for taking this on for our community.

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