



Silver Lake Advisory Commission Meeting
Thursday, July 19, 2012
7:00 PM

Korte Recreation Center
Meeting Room #1

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- Approve Minutes from April 19, 2012
- Introduction of guests:
- Staff Reports: Ryan Hummert; Natural Resources Manager
Mark Rosen; Director of Parks & Recreation
- New Business:
 - One-Day/Single Weekend Boating Fees
 - Insurance – Per City Attorney
- Old Business:
 - Recommendation to City Council
 - In-lake Sediment Structure
 - Watershed detention ponds
- Commission Requests
- Unfinished Business

UNAPPROVED

Silver Lake Advisory Commission Minutes – April 19, 2012

Members Present: Bill Ambuehl, Randy Ammann, Larry Diveley, Sally Raeber, Brad Koehlbrecher; Ex-Officio Member: Ryan Hummert, Natural Resource Manager.

Meeting was called to order and a motion was made by Bill Ambuehl to approve the minutes from January 19, 2012. Randy Ammann seconded it.

Staff Reports:

Ryan Hummert discussed the Silver Lake Shoreline Cleanup on April 21st and sign presentation for the newly designed trail sign and adopt a park signs. Ryan also informed the commission about the marina availability at Silver Lake. Three boat slips are available to the city residents first and then to the non-residents.

New Business:

Manager Hummert requested feedback on the possibility of constructing an in lake sediment basin north of I-70 in order to reduce the silt and sediment load in the lake. He also brought up the idea of constructing a dam south of route 143 downstream of the dam area. Hummert expressed the overall need for direction from the commission to pass on to the council regarding a course of action for the lake.

Discussion:

Bill Ambuehl and Randy Ammann discussed the silt which was entering the lake from the township mowing too close to the ditch lines and farmers plowing too close to the right of way. Bill recommended contacting the township in order to possibly inform them of the benefits of leaving a buffer so many feet from the ditch lines.

Bill Ambuehl addressed possibly installing a retention pond on Johnny Walters property east of the lake in order to alleviate the amount of runoff from farm fields and drainage into the lake.

Larry Diveley expressed the possibility of raising the existing dam to allow more water capacity in the lake in addition to the in lake sediment basin. The commission overall felt as though the cost to raise the dam would be too extensive and would only temporarily solve the issue.

The overall consensus from the commission is to proceed immediately with researching costs and implementing the in lake sediment basin along with dredging the sediment area contained within the weir. The Silver Lake Commission would like to make its formal recommendation to the council and the city officials to move ahead with this project and development as soon as possible. The area which HDR Engineering designated as the suitable location for the weir, north east of I-70 through the shoot, is also the recommendation of the commission.

Sally Raeber advised the commission about the new no trespassing law which in effect would allow the use of purple paint and or markers on the trees or stakes to designate no trespassing on areas of owned property.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm with a motion from Randy Ammann and seconded by Bill Ambuehl.