

Members present: Chairman, Kent Korte; Sally Raeber, Bill Ambuehl, Bob Wittenborn, Randy Ammann, Larry Dively, Brad Kohlbrecher, Dan Shimer, Ryan Hummert & Mark Rosen.

Motion to approve March 19, 2009 minutes made by Randy Ammann; seconded by Bob Wittenborn.

Staff Reports:

- Ryan informed the commission that the new ADA compliant parking space and sidewalk was installed. Gave a summary of the lake shore clean-up day and tree planting projects held in April. Updated members to let them know that some buoys were installed around the Solar-Bees, LLO and spillway. In addition, buoys were ordered for a no wake zones approximately 150' from boat ramp.
- Director Rosen mentioned that there is a gentleman interested in developing a motocross course somewhere in Highland and simply wanted to give a 'heads-up' in the event that the area of interest would be around Silver Lake.

Old Business:

- Funding projects for monies from Keystone Pipeline. Director Rosen offered a suggestion to purchase any land around Silver Lake and even in the watershed to provide measures to control silt and run-off from fields. Commission members added that cattle water stations be considered as well as stream bank vegetation, plans to develop a weir (flooding easements was of concern, hence the purchase of additional land) and recommended contacting NRCS for assistance. Another option was to hold the money in the event that Munie Gravel Pit would ever become for sale as this would be an alternative water supply in the event of needing emergency water supply.

New Business:

- Develop the marina for pontoon boat owners next year.
 - Survey other lakes to determine an annual fee
 - Contact previous dock owners from the mid 1990's and hold a lottery to issue docks by residents first.
 - Bill Ambuehl recommended a fee structure that would cover the cost of the docks amortized over a 10 year period.
 - Purchase floating docks using Madison County Park Enhancement Project money and expand annually using this money and rental fees.
 - Recommended that a keyed gate be installed on the docks for pontoon owners.
 - Install the marina to be south of existing docks.
- Maintenance Permits
 - Bill Ambuehl recommended that Ryan create a list of appropriate and inappropriate vegetation
 - Implement a system that would allow staff to monitor what is being done to City owned land by contiguous landowners.
 - Draft a letter to be approved by commission and city council that explains the logic behind wanting to develop this permit system.
 - Original landowners would be exempt from paying any fees
- Miscellaneous
 - Install signage to prevent parking/access to spillway
 - Signage for boat ramp area to designate boat trailer parking only.

Next meeting scheduled for September 17, 2009

Motion to adjourn by Bob Wittenborn; seconded by Randy Ammann