

Approved: Silver Lake Commission Minutes: September 17, 2009

Members Present: Kent Korte; Chairman, Brad Kohlbrecher, Bill Ambuehl, Dan Shimer, Sally Raeber, Ryan Hummert; Natural Resources Manager, Mark Rosen; Director of Parks & Recreation.

Motion to approve minutes of the June 25, 2009 meeting; Bill Ambuehl, seconded by Dan Shimer

Staff Reports:

- Director Rosen provided an update on the shoreline stabilization project and stated that the project could start as early as November, 2009.
- Ryan updated the commission that 9 blinds were registered as annual blinds w/ a fee of \$200/each.
- Director Rosen and Ryan both gave an update on a recent issue relating to parking for horse riders on the northwest side of the lake. It was discussed to install a parking lot on the east side of Prairie Road and realizes that there will be some dissatisfaction from the Heinholds (contiguous property owners nearby the proposed parking site)

Old Business:

- Land Purchase – It was discussed to recommend that the Commission supports any land purchases in the future that would be beneficial to the lake and protecting our watershed. It was also suggested that the monies received from Keystone Pipeline should be in an interest bearing account.
- Schrumpfs/Cattle – The Commission recommended making a face-to-face meeting with the Schrumpfs in order to explain the need to eliminate the cattle from accessing the water in Silver Lake. It was also suggested that to show good faith, the City could compensate them for the fence material that has already been installed; swap land; pump water to their ponds or develop a new pond for their cattle.

New Business:

- Marina – The City needs to proceed with the recreation of a marina for pontoon boats in Silver Lake Park. The fees that were suggested ranged from \$150 -\$200 annually (March 1 – November 30)
 - Ryan will look into having a design that includes an access point from the existing “U” shaped dock and install a gate to limit the accessibility.
 - Clarified that the marina’s common dock would be approximately 20’ – 30’ from the shoreline as this plan would limit access from the shoreline and possibly aid in shoreline erosion.
- The Commission approved sending the Maintenance Permit letter to the City Council for approval.

Next meeting: January 21, 2010

Motion to adjourn at 8:15pm made by Bill Ambuehl; seconded by Dan Shimer.