

## SILVER LAKE ADVISORY COMMISSION

April 18, 2013 Minutes

Members present: Chair; Randy Ammann, Bill Ambuehl, Sally Raeber, Dave Frey, Gary Pugh, Dan Shimer, Ron Wagner. Members not present; Fred Bircher & Brad Kohlbrecher (excused for work). Also present were Ryan Hummert; Natural Resources Manager & Mark Rosen; Director of Parks & Recreation.

- Meeting was called to order by Randy A. and the motion to approve minutes from the January 17, 2013 meeting was made by Bill A. and seconded by Gary P.
- Ron Wagner was welcomed as the commission's new member. Ron stated that he joined because he realizes the importance of Silver Lake to the community as our drinking water as well as for recreational purposes. Welcome Ron!
- Staff reports: Ryan updated the commission on the conservation grant he successfully obtained for the shoreline rip-rap work in Old City Lake and the recent passing of the day/weekend boat licenses. He also told the members that he and Director Rosen took the city manager on a tour of the watershed to make him aware of the problems we're facing. Director Rosen gave an update on the Illinois Lake Management Association conference he attended the first part of April and shared information related to successful (and expensive) dredging projects as well as best management practices that have been implemented in other watersheds throughout Illinois.
- Attendance: Director Rosen stated that the Mayor is urging all commissions to devise a requirement for attendance as there are some commissions lacking in being able to have a quorum to hold meetings. The commission stated they believe that 3/4 of the meetings should be attended unless there is an excuse.
- Watershed Inadequacies: Randy A. recommended contacting land owners via Rick Macho of the Soil & Conservation Dept. to help urge farmers to stop farming up to the ditches. He also asked if there was something that the city council could do something legal to alleviate this.
  - Ryan H. stated that he would also ask Teri Holland of IEPA if she had knowledge of any acts that could help our cause with this matter
  - Ron W. asked if there was lake monitoring and whether Highland takes part in this. Gary P. stated that other than the monitoring they do, he nor anyone on the commission was aware of any.
- Discussion – Money received from settlement: Two options were discussed. One was to simply sit on the money and allow it to be used as match money for grants or future capital projects. The second option was to use the money toward some of the watershed's inadequacies and prioritize a list; i.e. install ponds, rock riffles, purchase property, lease waterways, etc.
- Council requests: Have an open invitation to all current and future council members to tour the lake to make them aware of the issues the lake faces.
- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gary P. and seconded by Dave F. at 7:50PM