

Silver Lake Advisory Commission Minutes: July 21, 2022

7:00pm KRC Meeting Room

Members in attendance:

Gary Pugh, Randy Ammann, Bill Blechinger, Dave Frey, Don Romerschirchen, Craig Korte, Natural Resource Manager Ryan Hummert

Guests: Josh Kirchoff, David Todd

Motion was made to approve the April 21, 2022 minutes

Staff Updates:

Gary Pugh informed the commission of the plans to fix the spillway dam on the old city lake, water main will be bored and sidewalk over the spillway poured for foot traffic.

Ryan Hummert updated the commission on the Madison county grant progress including rip rap construction as you enter Silver Lake Park which will aid in containing the silt and sediment from entering the old city lake from the nearby subdivision and farm fields. Rip Rap will be 100% completed around the old city lake/reservoir.

Ryan also updated the commission on duck blind fee prices going from \$200 to \$250 and Don Romerschirchen asked that we raise the fees for pavilion rentals and other associated rental costs in order to aid in bringing more money in for the lake. He stated that other facilities are charging far more than the City for similar amenities.

Several commission members indicated that the city website needs to be updated in order to reflect current members as well as information regarding Silver Lake.

Guest Requests:

Josh Kirchoff inquired if we could stock the lake at different time of year and possibly hold the fish in the pond longer before passing them into the big lake in order for them to get bigger. He also brought up the possibility of adding in lake vegetation in some areas including water willow. Commission members indicated getting in contact with the U of I extension to see if they recommended in water type vegetation and what options might be available. Randy Ammann indicated that DU might be able to assist with their team of biologists to determine what vegetation would benefit the entire lake.

Ryan will check with Fred to determine the fish shocking date for this year and get back with the commission.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:50pm.