

## **Silver Lake Advisory Commission Minutes: July 20, 2023**

### **7:00pm KRC Meeting Room**

#### **Members in attendance:**

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

**Guests:** David Todd, Josh Kirchoff, Colby Reilson

Motion to approve minutes made at 7:02Pm

#### **Staff Reports:**

- Gary Pugh and Ryan Hummert discussed the upcoming dam construction on the Old City Reservoir which is set to begin over the next couple months. Informed the commission that the old lake would be dropped 6' in depth in order to accommodate the spillway removal and reconstruction.
- The commission inquired if a long stick track hoe could be used to remove sediment on the east end of the lake while the water was lowered in order to increase the carrying capacity in the lake.
- Kayak Kiosk is receiving heavy usage with over 60+ rentals in the last 3 weeks. Steve Pfettscher inquired if the Kayaks could be upgraded in the future with backrests in order to be more comfortable while using. Very positive feedback from the public and park patrons.
- New restroom will be installed near the trail head next to the pavilion in the Spring of 24'
- Manager Hummert shared with the group his gratitude for the employees of Trouw Nutrition who spent 2 full days doing service work at the lake, including painting of pavilions, building bridges, clearing the trail and upgrading tables within the park.
- Manager Hummert informed the commission that the fish have been stocked in the fish rearing pond and minnows are being routinely added by the city. Fish release date into the big lake has not been determined, but typically early November.

#### **Guests:**

- Josh Kirchoff addressed the commission concerning adding water willow and other moist soil plants to the lake behind the rip rap revetment areas along the shoreline. Would like to inquire further as to what plants would work best prior to purchasing or planting
- The Cormorant birds were discussed as doing heavy damage to the trees and vegetation around the lake. Manager Hummert agreed and will inquire as to possible nuisance permitting to reduce the population within the federal level as these birds are protected.

**New Business:**

- Lake Cleanup Day has been discussed and two dates were mentioned; September 30<sup>th</sup> or October 14<sup>th</sup>. Members will be in contact with Manager Hummert in coordinating boats and dumpsters along the shoreline in order to perform the cleanup. The cleanup would run from 8am-12pm and the city will provide lunch for the volunteers following the cleanup.
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- Commission Members would like to see a water tax percentage added to utility bills which can be earmarked and specifically used for Silver Lake projects, ie: matching grant funding, emergency projects, and equipment directly pertaining to Silver Lake.

Motion to adjourn was made and approved at 8:05pm.