

Silver Lake Advisory Commission Minutes: March 21, 2024

7:00pm KRC Meeting Room

Members in attendance:

Randy Ammann, Bill Blechinger, Gary Pugh, Craig Korte, Ron Wagner, Director of Parks & Rec. Mark Rosen, Natural Resources Mgr. Ryan Hummert

Guests: Josh Kirchoff

Josh asked for clarification in regards to the city's ordinance stating that boaters must stay 250 yards from waterfowl blinds as this would make it impossible to access portions of the lake because of the limited distance between blinds. It was stated that it should be 300 feet. He also asked if vegetation could be moved to the Silver Lake but Director Rosen said he would rather get some direction from experts in the field in case there would be a potential for it overwhelming the lake and/or affecting water quality. He also pointed out that the ordinance still shows that the HP limit is 25 and didn't know if this would be a potential legal issue. Director Rosen stated that the correct information is on the department's website and believes that this is more recent so he's not concerned with it since that is where most people get their information.

Staff Reports:

- Ryan H. provided an update about the 319 grant, stating that there are 14 landowners signed up for projects ranging from grassed waterways to rock-rifles. In addition, Heartlands Conservancy is the project manager on this so they will approve projects that fall under the Comprehensive Plan and invoice accordingly. We have 3 years to complete the projects.
 - The city's major project will be focused on the cove off of Silver Lake Road near the emergency boat ramp.
- Highland also received the Madison County Sustainability Grant to make some improvements to the east end of Old City Lake.

Requests/comments from commission members:

- Bill B. asked if volunteers could offer help with special interest projects. Director Rosen encouraged him to have anyone interested in donating their time to contact him because there are already volunteer groups that work on the trail, pick up trash, etc.

Motion to adjourn was made and approved at 7:45pm.