

Silver Lake Advisory Commission
Meeting January 16, 2014

Members present: Chair, Randy Ammann, Bill Ambuehl, Ron Wagner, Fred Bircher, Dave Frey, Sally Raeber, Dan Shimer, Gary Pugh. Also in attendance, Ryan Hummert, Natural Resource Manager & Mark Rosen, Director of Parks & Recreation

Meeting was called to order @ 7:00PM. Motion to approve October 17, 2013 minutes was made by Fred Bircher; seconded by Dave Frey.

Staff Reports: Ryan reported on the plan to place a restroom/comfort station at the archery range to accommodate bow shooters, scouts, disc golfers and potentially other campers. Discussed how he used spoils from the 2009 shoreline stabilization project to firm up the dam between "Bargetzi Pond" and the borrow pit east of the Arboretum. Mentioned that an Eagle Scout candidate will be working to install two water hydrants near the archery range so scouts have water access for camping needs. Ryan also outlined some serious, potentially major repairs on the Old City Lake spillway.

Old Business: Discussed options for the aforementioned Old City Lake spillway. Due to the location of a water line, a total replacement of culvert/overflow pipe is probably the only option. It was mentioned that Pete Pisaneschi (certified engineer) did look at this and staff will look back to see if he left plans with Parks & Rec.

Fred Bircher asked about the aeration discussion previously held on Old City Lake. Director Rosen stated that there hasn't been much more discussion due to costs reaching over \$40,000. Suggested that perhaps simply lowering the lake and scraping sediment out would be just as affective. Some research will be done to look at other aeration options however.

There was a brief mention of the lake at the proposed Rinderer Park. Director Rosen stated that Ryan is actively looking at possible grants for wetland development and/or any other lake development grants.

New Business: Members with terms expiring in March all agreed to stay on to serve: Bill Ambuehl, Randy Ammann & Gary Pugh.

Director Rosen asked the commission for their approval to send a letter to landowners within the Silver Lake Watershed in order to partner with them to address soil run-off issues. The reason for the letter is to attempt to implement BMP's (best management practices) to address issues outlined in the 2011 report performed by HDR/CWI on Silver Lake and its watershed. Bill Ambuehl made a motion to approve sending this letter to city council for their approval; Gary Pugh seconded the motion.

Fred Bircher made a motion to adjourn at 7:40PM; Dave Frey seconded the motion.