

Minutes of the October 16, 2014 Silver Lake Advisory Commission meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by chairman Randy Ammann. Members present: Randy Ammann, Bill Ambuehl, David Frey, Ron Wagner, Brad Kohlbrecher, Gary Pugh. Additionally Ryan Hummert; Natural Resources Manager & Mark Rosen, Director of Parks & Recreation.

A motion to approve the July meeting minutes was made by Gary Pugh. Seconded by David Frey.

Staff Reports: Waterfowl blinds have been inspected and have all been properly prepared for the waterfowl season. Additionally the fish biologist; Fred Cronin from the Dept. of Natural Resources, conducted a fish survey on both Silver Lake & Old City Lake. He indicated that he is pleased with the results overall but will make the recommendation to introduce additional bass to Silver Lake in 2015. Mr. Cronin also shared information with Ryan H. about vegetation control in Old City Lake and will return in the spring of 2015 to assist in disseminating a new product that will better control growth.

#### Old Business:

Dykstra Property - Ryan Hummert will make contact with the NRCS office to have them create a plan and recommendation to address the excessive field run-off from the Dykstra property adjacent to the east side of the Archery Lane. Once obtained the plan will be shared with the Dykstra family and cost estimates will be gathered. Multiple solutions could be applied but the NRCS representative will have the knowledge to implement a BMP.

Old City Lake Dam – Still on hold, waiting for the excavator to begin this project of removing the existing, failing overflow.

#### New Business:

Vegetation Removal-Old City Lake – A vegetation harvester removed an abundant amount of vegetation from Old City Lake. The majority of vegetation that was removed was “Coon-tail”, filamentous algae and “duck-weed”. This project was performed for multiple reasons ranging from alleviating plant die-off which affects dissolved oxygen for aquatic life to allowing anglers to have better fishing conditions; i.e. less weeds being hooked when casting.

2015 Meeting dates – The commission will follow the same meeting schedule in 2015 as was done in 2014. January 15, April 16, July 16, October 15 at 7:00pm in the Korte Recreation Center.

#### Requests from members:

Ron W. asked about the status of adding a restroom in the archery range where scouts camp. Although plans are still on the dashboard for adding one, there is uncertainty on the type of structure to be placed there; whether it is a pre-cast concrete unit or built on site.

Gary P. asked about the possibility of introducing geo-bags on shorelines to address two issues. The first being shoreline stabilization and the second to remove silt from the bottom of the lake. Although this has been discussed in the past funding remains to be an issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30. Bill A. made the motion and David F. seconded it.