

Silver Lake Advisory Commission Minutes: April 17, 2025

7:00pm KRC Meeting Room

Members in attendance:

Randy Ammann, Bill Blechinger, Dave Frey, Don Romerschirchen, Ron Wagner, Natural Resource Manager Ryan Hummert

Guests: David Todd

Waited for enough members to arrive for a quorum.

Motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, approved.

Staff Reports:

- Manager Hummert advised the commission of the new appointments for the up-coming director positions within the parks department.
- Discussed future and current grant projects and advised the commission of the 319 grant work currently underway along with potential new projects. Discussed remaining funding to be used for additional rip rap areas of shoreline along silver lake.
- Discussed the fish stocking program, which will be funded again through the IDNR. The City will be required to purchase the minnows again as in the previous year.

Guest:

- David Todd discussed the need for continued funding for the lake to combat the silt and sediment on the North end. Manager Hummert advised the allocated funding for this year would go to 319 partner projects with private landowners and the next two years would be allocated to the in lake sediment basin adjacent to the emergency boat ramp under the 319 grant.

New Business:

- Randy Ammann and Bill Blechinger discussed the continued use of sandbags in problem areas around the lake to benefit the shoreline wash out areas. Randy presented ideas for placing goose nesting structures throughout the coves and island areas on the north end to increase habitat nesting efforts.
- Randy commented on the water clarity and how it has greatly improved due to the shoreline and watershed management practices along the creeks and waterways surrounding the agricultural lands.

Motion to adjourn and approved at 7:52pm.