SILVER LAKE COMMISSION

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AGENDA

1. Welcome/Call to order
2. Approval of March 2020 meeting minutes
3. Kent County Public Works, Sewer Main Update
4. Parks & Recreation/Council Committee as a Whole
5. Parks Projects and Maintenance Crew Updates
6. Park & Playground Improvement Project (Silver Lake Park projects)
7. New Business
8. Adjournment

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