Silver Lake Commission

Meeting minutes
August 17, 2011
Dover City Hall—Council Chambers

Members present:
Dean Holden, Chair
Zachary Carter
David Edgell
Cheryl Biddle
Jim Burcham
Nancy Wagner

Non-Members Present:
Lyle Jones, DNREC
Carolyn Courtney, City of Dover
Brittany Benson, City of Dover
Jennifer Bowman, City of Dover

Absent:
Dr. Robert Gorkin

Agenda item:

I. *Welcome/Call to order- Dean Holden*

The meeting of the Silver Lake Commission was called to order at 5:35pm on August 17th, 2011 in the Council Chambers of Dover City Hall by Chairman Dean Holden.

II. *Approval of May 18, 2011 meeting minutes- Commissioners*

After review of minutes previously distributed by email, Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Burcham seconded. Motion passed.

III. *Boating Regulation- Dean Holden*

Chairman Holden reviewed the history of modifying the boating regulations. He stated that the regulations were initially questioned because of hovercraft usage of the Lake. The initial investigation lead into more questions about the fine structure. Chairman Holden explained that he and Mr. Carter met with Captain Stump from the Dover Police to discuss the permit and fine structure of the Lake. A $100 fine for using a non-permitted boat on the Lake was discussed and agreed upon. Both parties felt that the fine was enough to deter boaters from violating the regulations and would also simplify the fine structure for the police. Ms. Wagner and Mr. Edgell expressed their support.

Ms. Wager questioned how patrolling police officers could tell if a boat is permitted. Mr. Carter mentioned that Cpt. Stump requested that permits be placed on trailers to make it easier to patrol for the police officers.

Discussion ensued about changing terminology throughout regulations from “boats” to “vessels”. It was agreed upon that the terminology should be changed.

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Signage was discussed regarding the boat ramp/kayak launch located near Washington Street. Chairman Holden suggested that signage should be worked on for the next meeting.

Chairman Holden shared a list from Cpt. Stump that showed reported violations on the Lake; this included parking violations, shots fired (it was never confirmed if this was true), a suspicious vehicle, animal bite, offensive touching, and etc. Cpt. Stump confirmed that there is no real serious criminal activity in the Park.

IV. *Project Updates – Lyle Jones, Brittany Benson & Jen Bowman*

Mr. Jones discussed the continued effort to find a qualified contractor for the stream restoration project along Washington Street. Mr. Jones expressed hope that the bid will be awarded in the fall. Mr. Jones explained that invasive species will be removed throughout the City at various restoration projects on August 29th.

Mr. Jones summarized the Dover High School project that includes a bioretention area near the tennis courts. He estimated that $7,500 will be needed for construction and $1,000 for plants; totaling $8,500. Mr. Edgell made a motion to accept the project for $8,500 and Chairman Holden seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Jones explained that DNREC is in contact with the EPA to figure out why the City of Dover is out of compliance wtih the stormwater wetland on the Dover High School property; no response has been given by the EPA.

V. *CWQIG Grant update – Lyle Jones, Brittany Benson & Jen Bowman*

Ms. Benson reported about a proposed project behind Dover Pools to address a concrete channel that dumps directly into Silver Lake. The proposal could convert the concrete channel into a stormwater conveyance system.

Ms. Bowman reported on a proposal to fund an outdoor classroom, invasive species removal, and riparian buffer zone at Central Middle School. Ms. Wagner questioned if any correspondence and/or agreement has happened with teachers; Ms. Bowman confirmed that she submitted the proposal with a teacher at Central Middle and there's been a lot of expressed interest for an outdoor classroom.

Mr. Jones reported on a wetland slough that would be located in the mill race area in Silver Lake Park.

Mr. Jones reported on a rain garden that is being proposed on the DNREC property in front of the auditorium. He also explained a project that may be constructed in the fall to treat DNREC's parking lot and Treadway Towers stormwater runoff. The project would consist of a stormwater wetland located in front of Mirror Lake and next to the Treadway Towers building.

Mr. Jones reported on the future public workshops to address the contaminants in Mirror Lake. A carbon-sequestration project has been discussed as an option versus dredging all of the contaminants out or leaving the Lake as is. He explained the carbon-sequestration would still

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include dredging, but activated carbon will also be worked into the soil to bind to the contaminants. General discussion ensued about the pros and cons of each option.

Mr. Jones reported on a Wesley student involvement project that will include weeding and mulch work at the Agriculture Museum and Silver Lake Park.

Ms. Bowman reported on an outreach educational poster that was created for the Agriculture Museum. She also discussed brochures that were created for the City of Dover MS4 compliance.

Ms. Benson reported on a stormwater retrofit training that was conducted in Georgetown, DE and was put on by the Center for Watershed Protection. She also discussed several rain garden and rain barrel outreach events that she staffed.

VI. *Cost estimate of Bioretention Area near Dover High School Tennis Courts – Lyle Jones*

This project was discussed in the project update section by Mr. Jones.

VII. *Old Business*

VIII. *New Business*

Ms. Benson and Ms. Bowman gave updates to their new positions.

Discussion ensued about presenting to the Parks Recreation & Enhancement Committee to show the progress that the St. Jones Coordinators have made.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm by Mr. Burcham, Mr. Carter offered a second, and all were in favor. The next meeting will be at 5:30pm on November 11th, 2011 in the Council's Chambers.

Minutes submitted by: Brittany Benson

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