Silver Lake Commission
5:00 PM – April 25, 2012
Silver Lake Park
Dover, DE
REVISED DRAFT MINUTES

Dean Holden, Chairman
David Edgell
Zach Carter
James Burcham
Nancy Wagner
Carolyn Courtney
Lyle Jones
Brittany Sturgis
Gary Johnston

Welcome/Call To Order
Chairman Holden called the meeting to order at 5:11 PM.

Approval of February 2012 Meeting Minutes
Mr. Carter motioned to accept the minutes as presented with Mr. Edgell as second, minutes were passed without objection.

Agenda Update
Chairman Holden noted the agenda would now include a quick update on the Central Middle School and Mirror Lake projects. No objections were noted.

Wetland Meadow For Mill Race Overview
Mr. Jones reviewed hand out provided as he walked the island area.

During this time, the group decided to remain at Silver Lake and not move to City Hall, remaining at Silver Lake.

Chairman Holden reviewed the 2 components of the project: 1) Put in place a storm-water feature to treat water before hitting the St. Jones; and 2) Add meadow wetland along for the interior and eastern side of the island area; Noting that the projects can be done individually or at the same time.

Mr. Jones reported that with approval tonight he can get the design completed, bid construction of the project and schedule work for this summer. In order to keep grant funding project must be done by September 30, 2012.

The chair shared comments received in the past have noting that the project has potential to take up usable park land and that would not be good for park users. We must keep in mind that this area is used by the public. In the SLC meeting of February 24, 2010 meeting it was agreed retain 80% of the island area as usable park space.

Mrs. Wagner noted we should make the project workable for a long time and working in tandem may be beneficial for the park overall. Committee discussion was positive for doing both projects together as the wetland creation may help drain the water and help other areas stay dry & usable. Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Burcham, and Mr. Edgell all liked the idea of doing the projects together for the added benefit to the whole project. Mr. Carter added the idea presented of having rock pathways will also pleasing to park users and beneficial to the project.

Mr. Jones noted this plan uses approximately 14% of the island with the commission previously noting not to use more the 20%. Mr. Carter did strongly recommend that Bill Cooper of the city ground department be consulted to ensure maintenance equipment will be able to get into these areas accordingly. Mr. Jones agreed to contact share the plans with Mr. Cooper.

Mr. Burcham shared his thoughts that the contractors did a fantastic job and did well working in the park and not a nuisance to park users during the project.

Mrs. Wagner motioned to move forward with the Mill Race – Island Project as presented by Mr. Jones. Mr. Edgell seconded and motion approved without objection.

Central Middle School
Mr. Jones reported that on the last 2 weekends the CMS property clean-up project has been very successful with a large turnout of volunteers. This has been very positive for the project and continues to improve water quality. 319 money is available to complete the rest of this project. Timeline, May 4 doing some spraying to kill off the invasive species and by Sept 30 the whole project should be completed. The project also allows CMS students an outdoor classroom area for sciences, etc.

Mirror Lake
~~Mrs.~~ Mr. Jones and Mrs. Sturgis shared a picture of what the sandbar could look like with the intended plantings and injection of carbon to this waterway. As the other ideas such as dredging ~~we~~ is not feasible, now we intend to add carbon to clean the area and plantings to assist in cleaning the water and improving water quality.

The Chair stressed that we ultimately have a public outreach workshop to share this concept and get input from the community. He noted to Mr. Jones to firmly address dredging Mirror Lake and what that entails. Doing nothing the problem will only get worse. Additionally, add a pathway for folks to walk thru this area verses having the trample the plantings. Public meeting will be coordinated by the City and DNREC. Consider visiting Park Drive residents again with project updates and plans. Mrs. Wagner asked about how this will help flooding. Mr. Jones noted flooding issues will not be worsened with these plantings.

Other Notes Of Interest
Treadway Towers and DNREC run off will now be treated before it hits the waterway.

DAM below Court Street f~~or now stays as is the group will continue to monitor and develop a plan to address issues.~~ will remain, and DRNEC will continue to monitor DAM area.

Adjournment:
With no further business the motion to adjourn the meeting was passed without objection.

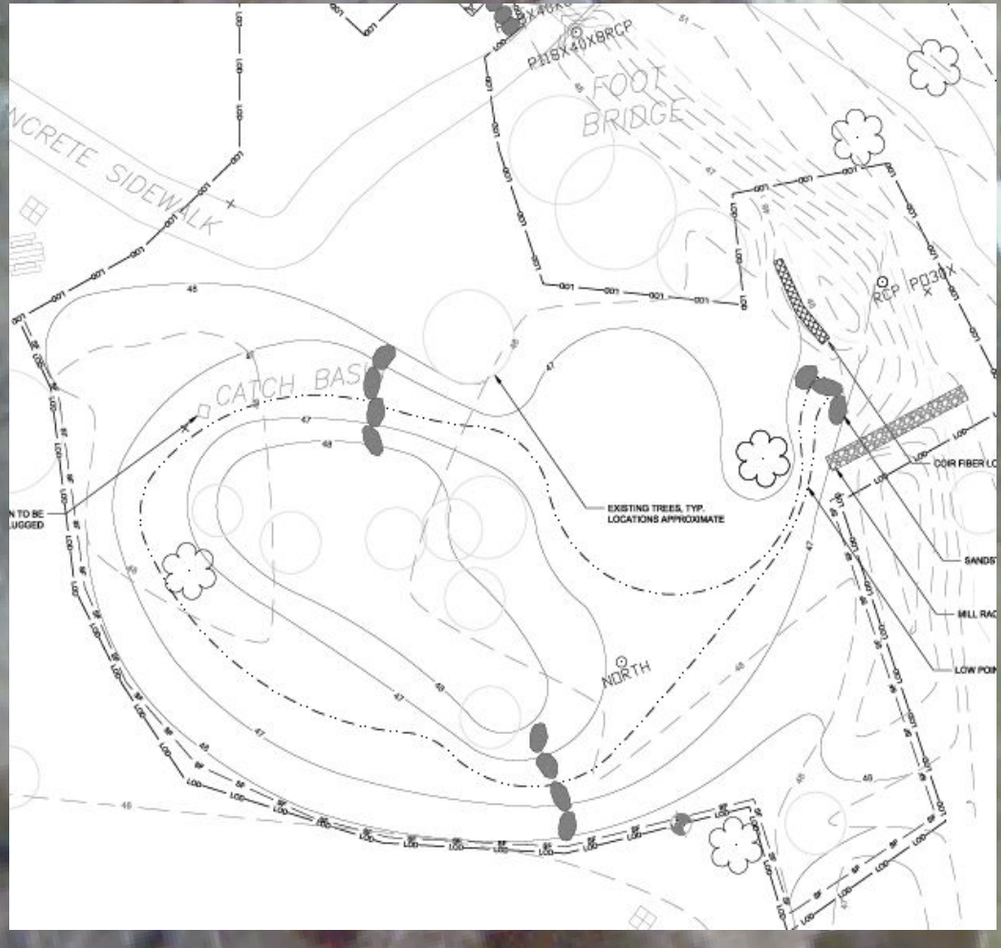
Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM. Next meeting is May 16.

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