

Forman, North Dakota
April 21, 2026

The Silver Lake Park Board met for its regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. Those in attendance were Chairman Scott Christianson, Julie Colemer, Scott Johnson, Lyle Bopp, Jerry Waswick, Jason Arth and Wade Anderson. Also present were Tia Bopp, Auditor; Garrett Cornelius, Park Manager; and Duane Peterson, Human Resources Manager.

Chairman Christianson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Motion to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2026 meeting. (Anderson/Bopp) Motion carried.

Motion to approve the financial report. (Colemer/Johnson) Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding lawnmower quotes as there was a lawnmower budgeted to be traded this year. Cornelius would like to stick with the mowers as one has 335 hours and the other one has 357 hours. It is suggested to trade them at about 1200 hours to get peak trade in value. One mower just needs to be greased while the second mower has some damage and a rear tire has a slash but is still holding air. Cornelius feels the mowers are good to go for now.

Arth arrived at 8:03.

Discussion turned to mulch for the playground areas. Cornelius estimated needing 120 cubic yards to replace all the mulch in all the yards. Estimates received included one for \$3400 from a playground company in Fargo with a to be determined fuel surcharge but estimated it at \$125. A quote received out of Wahpeton was for \$4754. Both quotes are for playground safe mulch. There is a rubber mulch that would be quite a bit more but lasts longer. Cornelius will wait for a quote on the rubber mulch before taking any action.

Discussion on what level of authority the board should give Garrett as the manager. Johnson moved that the park manager can buy up to \$500, and purchases of \$500-\$5000 would need to be approved by Chairman, Scott Christianson. Anything over \$5,000 would come to the board for approval. (Johnson/Anderson) Motion carried.

Cornelius reported that the pavilion window does have a chip in it, but it hasn't affected the functionality of the window. No moisture has collected as of this point. No action will be taken.

Internet at the lake shop was next to be discussed. DRN would bundle phone and internet which would allow for both the phone and internet to be put on vacation for a one-time fee of \$25.00. This would be for shop use only. Motion to proceed with adding internet to the shop. (Anderson/Colemer) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

There was nothing new to report on the grant.

Interviews were held for additional help for the summer. Brian Bladow, Brooklynn Bosse, Marshall Weigelt were interview and subsequently hired. Bladow and Bosse will be the two 20-hour positions. Weigelt will be a 40-hour employee. Motion to give Brooklynn Bosse a step increase moving her from \$21.28 to \$21.90/hour. (Waswick/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Under new business, there is an old boat behind the shop. The boat showed up in the spring last year. Cornelius will get with Sheriff Paeper, and they will figure out who it belongs to.

Cornelius questioned padlocks on electrical boxes. Some are missing and there are other electrical boxes open. Chairman Christianson suggested having the main power boxes on each pole locked.

Cornelius further reported that the water should be turned on soon. The original plan was to have it turned on last week, but it was too cold. Each hookup should also have check valves which keeps the water from going backwards. They are required to be on all campers. Cornelius will double check to make sure all campers comply.

Chemical recertification is needed for Cornelius. He was instructed to get the learning materials through NDSU extension and arrange for testing through them. Summer employees will fall under Cornelius' license.

Door handles have been replaced and there are five sets of keys. There are three sets for the employees and then a spare set. Keys are all in the same order on each key ring. The Board is ok with Waswick having a key to the shop.

There are two docks that won't be utilized as they are bent and need to be disposed of. Other boat lifts that are in the trees and are of no value will also be disposed of as well. Anything that has value can be put on bids. Kraft Lake and Buffalo Lake need to have their docks put in. Cornelius will borrow a trailer from the road department to get those docks put in and potentially drag the parking lots. If he needs gravel, he will contact the highway department and the park will reimburse the road department for any gravel needed. Cornelius inquired about a snow bucket, but is going to check with the road department to see if they have one he can use. Additional projects Cornelius plans on tackling included burning a small tree pile when the weather allows and replacing some anchors on docks that are broken. Chairman Christianson will assist Cornelius in this project. Cornelius questioned whether the board was interested in having an ice machine on site, but the board indicated they were not interested in that. It was asked that Cornelius see if he can locate the siren we got from LaMoure that will no longer be used.

Motion to pay the bills. (Colemer/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

SCOTT CHRISTIANSON, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TIA BOPP - COUNTY AUDITOR