

Friends of Silver Lake

Annual Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2017 9:00-10:50am

Location: Grace Adventures Beacon Gymnasium

I. Introductions

Ed DeJong, President, Friends of Silver Lake

II. State Park ORV and N. Shore Drive parking lot expansion update & Memorial weekend traffic update

Timothy Schreiner, District Supervisor DNR

- There aren't any new drawings at this time.
- There is a lot of background work going on. The application to the DEQ for proposed changes is very large. Consequently there is a lot of detail work that needs to be performed.
 - Tagging trees in the areas of the proposed expansion
 - Work with the health department on type of and location of toilets and drain fields. Consideration for a holding tank / pump and dump system is being considered.
 - Possibly 3 vault toilets to be created in the dunes. These toilets would be pumped out on a regular basis.
 - Work with the road commission about traffic flow including using a round-about for the entrance to the ORV area.
 - Conversation about reducing the number of spaces originally proposed by about 100 spaces.

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III. USDA: SEARCH Grant – Sewers Update

Larry Byl, Oceana County Commissioner/Silver Lake Improvement Board

- Described that the search grant is paying for a study to determine which type of waste system would best fit the needs of our area. Conventional or STEP system.
 - The study is being conducted by two ‘competing’ firms. Prien & Newhof and Larry Stephens. Each specializes in a different type of system. Determine the Pro’s & Cons of each kind of system.
 - Determine which system is best suited for our area.
 - Determine the capital costs as well as the maintenance / operational costs.
 - Each type of system was explained:
 - Conventional ‘gravity’ system. Uses large pipes that bring both waste solids and effluent to waste treatment facility. Ie. City of Hart.
 - STEP system (Septic Tank Effluent Pumping) This system pumps the effluent to a waste treatment facility in a smaller pipe. This treatment facility could be located nearby or far away. The waste solids are first held in a septic tank, then pumped out by a contractor as would be done in a typical septic tank / drain field system.

IV. Silver Lake Fishing – “Where have all the Pan Fish Gone?”

Dan O’Keefe, Great Lakes Fisheries Education and Management (Michigan Sea Grant Extension Educator)

- A brief slide show and explanation described how water quality characteristics (nutrient relationships) and aquatic life (weeds) causes the fisheries of a lake to change as the lake transitions from Oligotrophic to Mesotrophic to Eutrophic.
- Dr. O’Keefe held a 35 minute breakout session after the regular meeting. This provided people additional time to discuss and ask questions. Approximately 15-20 people attended this session.

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V. Golden Township – Updates

Michael Cook, Golden Township Planning Commission Chairman

- Temporary camping permits to allow 4 or more RV's on a lot is being explored
 - These permits are intended for property owners who host several people in RV's on holiday weekends and have the required lot size needed.
 - These permits allow property owners to do this legally. There are lot size requirements for these permits.
- Rental Ordinance Update / Q&A
- New Master Plan Update
- Michael Cook and Zoning Administrator, Rob Draper held a 35 minute breakout session after the meeting. About 15 people stayed to discuss and ask questions.

VI. Information/Presentations/Discussion

1. Lighthouse Trail – Jesse Chickering

2. Downtown Park – Gary Dunham

- Picnics in the park –
Tuesdays @ 6:00pm, beginning June 13 - August
Concert series – Tuesdays @ 7:00pm, beginning July 11 following the picnic

3. Pickleball – where to play, when, etc.

- Tami DeJong invited women & Jesse Chickering invited men to play at various times at John Gourney Park.

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VII. Committee/Volunteers Needed –

1. Lighthouse trail / Bike Path
2. Fishing in Silver Lake committee –
3. Communications / Brochure / Facebook page – come up with a brochure explaining who Friends of Silver Lake is and what they do.
4. Web Page / Mailing list –
 - i. Are you a member of one of the other associations around the lake? If so, Friends of Silver Lake Association would like to know who you are so we can collaborate getting our information to your associations email list.
 - ii. Canvassing – to inform people of our organization & help keep the contacts in our email address list current.
5. Master Plan – Golden Township master plan
6. Applefest – FoSL will do a booth again this year and will need people at the booth on Saturday only. Volunteers are needed for 2 hour shifts.

VIII. Treasurer's Report -

Ed DeJong

- Current check book balance: \$11,584
- Income since June 2016: 3,082
- Expenses since June 2016: 1,492
- (+/-) since June 2016: 1,590

IX. Election of Board Members

Ed DeJong

- The following people were elected for 3 year terms: 2017-2020
 - Chris VanAntwerp
 - Tom Hill
 - Jim Baumbick

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FRIENDS OF SILVER LAKE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING- Stats, Setup, Recap

115 people attended

Used up one full packet of name tags

13 dozen cookies from Hansen Foods were shared (1.5 doz. Left)

Grace Adventures provided coffee with fixings and ice water

50-50 Raffle was won by Marty Hayden (\$100) and given back to FoSL

2 FoSL hats were sold and money put with Raffle money after the meeting; total = \$248

Meeting lasted 1 hour and 50 minutes

Used 3 tables at the back of auditorium for handouts, hats, raffle tickets etc.

Used 1 table in front. Used 1 stand up microphone with 'podium' for presenters and one hand held microphone for emcee and people asking questions/ comments.

Suggestions for next year:

1. Using stand mic for presenters makes for clearer presentation.
2. For people who present that we know take too much time, interview them with specific questions to help keep them on track.
3. Having breakout sessions after the meeting in specific areas of interest helped keep meeting time within limits. Ie: rental ordinances, fishing, dune buggies.
4. Of the 115 attending only 45 ballots were filled out. Could we just do a voice vote for the entire ballot next year? One downside to that is it eliminates the opportunity for a write in name. Perhaps write-ins could be done via email prior to the meeting?

Annual Meeting Minutes & Re-cap prepared and submitted by:

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