

# Friends of Silver Lake

## Friends of Silver Lake Board Meeting - Minutes

April 17, 2018 7:30pm

Meeting Location: Conference Call

Board Members on Conference Call: Jim Baumbick, Jesse Chickering, Bill DeJong, Tom Hill, and Chris Van Antwerp. Absent: Sean Henry, Pat Petermann, Judi Rippee, and Rita Vander Vliet

Trustee on Conference Call: Ed DeJong

1. Approval of the Friends of Silver Lake Board Meeting Minutes from September 7, 2017.

- Chris Van Antwerp moved, Jim Baumbick seconded motion to approve the September 7, 2017 minutes. Motion passed.

2. Treasurers Report

Rita Vander Vliet submitted an email stating there is a balance of \$14,527.50 and no bills that need to be paid. She also reported that \$3,500 in donations were received at the end of 2017.

3. Sewer/Golden Township

Bill DeJong reported on the status of the sewer project and the concerns about the project. A letter expressing these concerns was sent to Golden Township. During the conference call there was extensive discussion among FoSL board members. There is still a great deal of clarification needed regarding the current status and how this project is going to be addressed going forward. It was reported that appears as if Golden Township Supervisor, Carl Fuehring will be appointing a sewer advisory committee consisting two representatives from Golden Township, and one representative from the Silver Lake businesses, Craig Cihak and one residential property owner. As of the writing of these minutes Mr. Fuehring has now appointed this committee. The committee has five members. They are: Golden Township Trustees Gary Beggs (Chairman), Dick Walsworth, Craig Cihak, Mark Rippee & Bill DeJong.

4. State Park-ORV Improvements

Jesse Chickering attended an information meeting on April 11 regarding the ORV improvements. Tim Schreiner (Cadillac DNR office) and Jody Johnston (State Park manager) along with their consultant led the meeting. Summary: widening the up-ramp, changing the commercial drop off/pedestrian area, adding bathrooms, converting the ORV Voucher area into additional parking. DEQ requested modifications to the original plans. They approved enlarging the pedestrian parking. Commercial buggies will not be allowed to come off of North Shore Dr. In the past week they have

cut down a lot of trees. DEQ denied expanding the dunes parking lot so they rushed to expand the Welcome/ORV area. They have cut 1,700 trees. Instead of replanting the trees the DNR will do some type of education program. They have received permission from the Oceana County Road Commission to be able to drive ORVs down Fox Road. The DNR will be putting vault toilets on the dunes in 3 locations. A question was raised.... What about toilets in the Welcome Center parking lot that is being expanded to accommodate 100 additional truck / trailer rigs?

5. Silver Lake Dam

Oceana County Drain Commissioner, Michelle Martin sent Bill DeJong an email explaining there are several issues at the Silver Lake dam due to accidents along the road, dunes infiltrating the channel and seepage around the dam. The bottom line is that about \$132,967 worth of improvements will be needed. She is looking at these improvements occurring after the 2018 summer season or possibly next year. This will probably require a special assessment and she is exploring different methods of how this would be paid for.

6. Cell Tower

The new cell tower is up but not yet working. Should start working in the next couple of weeks.

7. Silver Lake Improvement Board.

The board has not met since 2016. At their last meeting they agreed to send out RFPs for a lake management services company. There is also a vacancy on the board for Silver Lake property owner.

A motion was made to send the Chair of the Lake Improvement Board a letter with copies to the Golden Township trustees requesting the Silver Lake Improvement Board have regular meetings, follow through with RFPs and hiring a lake management company and filling the vacancy on the board.

Motion made by Jim Baumbick seconded by Tom Hill. Motion passed

8. June 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. The annual FoSL annual meeting will be held at Grace Adventures at 9:00am.
9. Nominations Committee: The terms of office for Judi Rippee, Pat Petermann and Rita Vander Vleit will expire this year. A nominations committee was formed consisting of Jim Baumbick (Chair), Tom Hill, and Rita Vander Vleit. Jesse Chickering has agreed to serve if one of the other board members appointed are not available.

Respectfully submitted

Drafted by Bill DeJong on behalf of Sean Henry (secretary)