

Friends of Silver Lake

Friends of Silver Lake Board Meeting - Minutes

September 7, 2017 7:30pm

Meeting Location: Bill DeJong's house: 9360 W Silver Lake Rd

Board Members Present: Pat Petermann, Judi Rippee, Sean Henry (Secretary), Jesse Chickering, Bill DeJong (President), Chris Van Antwerp. Board Member on Conference Call: Rita Vander Vliet (Treasurer) and Jim Baumbick (Vice President). Trustee on Conference Call: Ed DeJong

1. Motion & vote to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from July 13, 2017.

- Chris Van Antwerp moved, Pat Petermann seconded motion to approve the July 13, 2017 minutes. Motion passed.

2. USDA SEARCH Grant sewer update - Bill Dejong and Ed Dejong

- Highlighted the Community Sewer Community Dialogue on 8/25 - Presented two sewer options (gravity fed and STEP). Growing recognition that something needs to be done but no consensus.
- Prein and Newhof and Larry Stephens will finish the work covered by the SEARCH Grant by the end of September.
- Discussed the next steps involved in the implementation process. - Township is looking for a potential petition process for approval based on land ownership, Grant proposals need to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development for financing options, after approval potentially another year of detailed engineering .
- Jim talked about an information campaign to provide facts to the residents in the area – Need to identify what the approval process will be and who will possibly block the approval process
- Marty Haden has updated the website along with all of the updated info from the community dialogue that was held on August 26.

3. DEQ Hearing

- DEQ Hearing on 9/19 seeking approval to move sand for potential parking lot expansion
- Bill DeJong presented a letter to send to the DEQ on behalf of the FOSL addressing some potential issues involved with the expansion.
 - Infrastructure needs
 - Policy consistency with the movement of dune sand

- Pedestrian access (routing pedestrians into the dunes without encroaching on private property)
- Toilets (in the ORV area but also around the westside of Silver Lake)
- Sue Dressler was on the call
 - Spoke about the application process for sand removal
 - Need to map the placement of sand after it leaves the dunes
 - Property owners are responsible for the sand removal
 - Also voiced concern about the increase in pedestrian traffic without the state addressing paths for people into the dunes.
 - Looking for help with communication and support from the FOSL
- Pat Petermann moved, Chris Van Antwerp seconded to approve the letter to be submitted to DEQ. Motion passed.

4. Apple & BBQ Festival

- Booth being set up with volunteer coverage through the day
- Handouts will be distributed: Public mtg notes, info cards, hats and a raffle.

5. Updates

- a. DNR Liaison – Jesse Chickering
 - i. SL State Park ORV & Pedestrian Parking lot expansion
 - ii. SL fishing – *Jesse touched base on whether netting had been done in SL to address a shifting of the fish species in the lake*
 - iii. Lighthouse hiking trail & Bike Paths - Chris VanAntwerp & Judi Rippee - *Jesse spoke to Jody at the Sate park and found out that a trail parking lot is a much bigger job and must be done through the state. Jody said that he is on board and is willing to start the application process with the DEQ and that there are grant dollars available.*
- b. Silver Lake Improvement Board (SLIB) – Ed DeJong - *Lake levels have been low all season Ed spoke to the drain commissioner about dam control.*
- c. Mailing List Maintenance – Bill DeJong (There are currently approx. 800 contacts on our mailing list.)
- d. Website Maintenance - Marty Hayden has updated the web site.

6. Adjourn