

Friends of Silver Lake

Friends of Silver Lake Board Meeting - Minutes

July 20, 2019

Meeting Location: Van Antwerp's House

Board Members Present: Ron Bell, Jim Baumbick, Bill DeJong, Rita Vander Vliet, and Chris Van Antwerp.

Absent: Sean Henry, Jessie Chickering and Tom Hill

Trustee Present: Ed DeJong

1. Introductions

2. Motion & vote to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2019

Moved by Chris Van Antwerp and seconded by Jim Baumbick. Motion passed

3. Treasurer's report

Rita Vander Vliet reported our current balance is approximately \$13,340. Recent transactions that were approved by email vote was for the Silver Lake fireworks (\$500). There are no outstanding bills

4. Election of new board members

The following terms expire in 2019: Jessie Chickering, Sean Henry, and Bill DeJong. We also need to replace Gary Dunham (2021) who has resigned from the board.

Kyle McKee (2019-2022) was nominated to the Board

Moved by Jim Baumbick and seconded by Chris Van Antwerp. Motion passed.

The board discussed the replacement of the remaining three positions. It was determined that these positions would be filled at the next meeting.

5. Election of officers:

The following persons were elected to office. President: Ron Bell

a. Vice President: Jim Baumbick

b. Treasurer Rita Vander Vliet

Moved by Ron Bell and seconded by Jim Baumbick. Motion passed

The secretary's position will be filled at the next meeting.

6. FoSL Annual Meeting

After discussion it was decided to postpone the next annual meeting until June 2020

Moved by Ron Bell and seconded by Jim Baumbick. Motion passed

7. Advanced Treatment Systems for Septic (United Voice Effort)

Chuck Ruedi and Guy Reece are leading effort to develop Health Code changes on septic enforcement and alternative solutions that are 100% enforceable and monitored. Golden Township has assigned Jake Whelpley as the liaison. They are seeking help in the following sub-committees.

1. Code Enforcement
2. Public Education
3. Funding
4. Available Technology
5. Septic District Boundary

The Board discussed several possible methods of how FoSL might cooperate with this effort:

- Encourage participation
- Board members might serve on sub-committees

The Board also would like to have an informal meeting with Mr. Ruedi and Mr. Reece to discuss possible future direction.

8. State Park / ORV Improvements/DNR/DEQ

- a. Status on new parking lot being developed at the ORV voucher center
- b. Widening of entrance ramp, changing of commercial drop off
- c. Expansion of Pedestrian Visitor area / Bathrooms (3 new outhouses on the dunes)
- d. Driving ORV's down Fox Road / limitations to end points
- e. Removal of sand on North Shore Drive
- f. DNR Silver Lake fish survey

The Board discussed unresolved issues associated with the pedestrian access and removal of sand on private property at the end of North Shore Drive. Suggested follow-up actions:

- Meet with the new DNR District Supervisor Kasey Mahony who took Tim Schrinner's place. Her phone number is 231-499-5461
- Set up a meeting with the new head of DEQ in Lansing. Possibly work through Senator Bumstead

9. Board Assignments/Responsibilities

Assignments will be made at the next Board meeting

- a. DNR & State Park Liaison
- b. Silver Lake Improvement Board
- c. Silver Lake Sewers/Septics
- d. Golden Twp Planning Commission
- e. Golden Twp Board (
- f. Silver Lake Recreational Association (SLRA)

- g. Silver Lake Dunes Area Chamber of Commerce
- h. Mailing List Maintenance –
- i. Website Maintenance
- j. Upper Silver Lake Association Liaison
- k. Bike Paths
- l. Fishing
- m. Golden Twp Park – “Downtown”

Next Meeting: August 17, 2019