

# Friends of Silver Lake

## Friends of Silver Lake Board Meeting - Minutes

August 17, 2019

Meeting Location: Golden Twp Park-Downtown Silver Lake

Board Members Present: Ron Bell, Jim Baumbick, Bill DeJong, Rita Vander Vliet, Kyle McKee, and Chris Van Antwerp. Absent: Sean Henry, Jessie Chickering and Tom Hill

New Board Members Present: Mike Hanzie, Steve Dykstra and Marty Hayden

Trustee Present: Ed DeJong

### 1. Introductions

All of the board members introduced themselves...where they live in the area and how long they have been coming up to Silver Lake.

### 2. Approval of the minutes for the July 20, 2019 Board Meeting

Moved by Chris Van Antwerp and seconded by Bill DeJong. Motion passed

### 3. 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 elected to the board at the July meeting.

The following persons were elected to join the board:

Marty Hayden – Term 2019-2022

Mike Hanzie – Term 2019-2021

Steve Dykstra – Term 2019-2022

Moved by Jim Baumbick and seconded by Rita Vander Vleit. Motion passed.

### 4. Election of officers:

**The following person were elected to office at the July 20, 2019 Board Meeting:**

Ron Bell, President

Jim Baumbick, Vice President

Rita Vander Vliet, Treasurer

Kyle McKee was elected to be the Secretary

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

The following are current board members and terms of office:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Term</u>
Chris VanAntwerp	2017-2020
Tom Hill	2017-2020
Jim Baumbick	2017-2020
Rita Vander Vliet	2018-2021
Ron Bell	2018-2021
Mike Hanzie	2018-2021
Kyle McKee	2019-2022
Marty Hayden	2019-2022
Steve Dykstra	2019-2022

## 5. **United Voice**

Ron Bell provided a summary of the most recent efforts to address sewage improvements. 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

Ron Bell has agreed to serve on the Available Technology sub-committee. Please contact Ron if you have an interest in serving on one of the committees.

Ron Reported that Chuck and Guy have offered to speak directly to our board to provide an update, answer questions, and address any concerns. Ron will pursue setting up a meeting for Labor Day weekend.

## 6. **FoSL Website Update (clean-up and update)**

There is a need to update the FoSL website. Ron Bell will work with Marty Hayden on the updates.

## 7. **Labor Day Email Communication to FoSL Contacts:**

The following are several topics which might be include in the email communication:

- State park-Dunes issues (see items below)
- United Voice Status Update
- Bike lane improvements (see below)
- TBD – Others

## **8. State Park / ORV Improvements/DNR/DEQ**

The Board discussed:

- the ongoing concern of the dunes encroaching on private property at the end of North Shore Dr.;
- concerns about the proposed removal of trees in the pedestrian lot and what likely will be the acceleration of dune movement;
- and concerns about pedestrian access from the parking lot to Silver Lake, etc.

Jim Baumbick has agreed to see if a meeting can be set up with DNR District Supervisor Kasey Mahony. Her email address is [mahonyk@michigan.gov](mailto:mahonyk@michigan.gov) and phone number is 231-499-5461.

There was also discussion of possibly meeting with Liesl Clark the new head of DEQ in Lansing. Her email address is [ClarkL20@michigan.gov](mailto:ClarkL20@michigan.gov) and her phone number is 517-284-6712. It was suggested to work through Senator Bumstead. This meeting should follow the meeting with Kasey Mahony.

Concerns were also expressed regarding dredging at the State Park boat launch, signage needed to expedite movement, determine if there is a way for persons to drop off boats that don't need parking spots when the parking lot is full and possible wash station for boats coming into the lake to avoid evasive contaminations. Also, of concern is the matter of trash in the dunes and repair of the ropes for used to keep the public off of private property.

Jim Baumbick and Ron Bell have agreed to send Silver Lake State Park Manager, Jody Johnston, a letter regarding these matters.

## **9. Bike Lanes on Roads Around Silver Lake**

Bill DeJong shared with the board a draft of a letter to be sent to Golden Township, Oceana Road Commission, and Larry Byl Oceana County Commissioner regarding problem of the bike lanes on Silver Lake Road and North Shore Drive. The lack of maintenance is causing excessive growth that is blocking the lanes and sand and gravel which is causing persons to be walking and riding their bikes in the streets. This is a safety concern and we are requesting that this be addressed, and future paving include proper preparation and paving of the bike lanes.

Motion to submit letter to Oceana Road Commission, Golden Township and Oceana County Commissioner Byl. Moved by Jim Baumbick, seconded by Ron Bell. Motion passed.

## **10. Golden Township Board Meeting.**

Chris Van Antwerp reported the following items were discussed at last week's Golden Township meeting:

- Continuation of 2 mill levy for roads
- Seeking additional property for the downtown Silver Lake Golden Township park
- 57 new building permits
- 182 Rental permits

## 11. Board Assignments/Responsibilities

Assignments will be made at the next Board meeting

- a. DNR & State Park Liaison (District Supervisor Kasey Mahony 231-499-5461) (**Jim Baumbick**)
- b. United Voice (**Marty Hayden**)
- c. Silver Lake Septic Alternative Treatments- United Voice (**Ron Bell**)
- d. Golden Twp Planning Commission (**Chris Van Antwerp**)
- e. Golden Twp Board (**Chris Van Antwerp**)
- f. Silver Lake Recreational Association (SLRA – Curtis Brower) (**Ron Bell**)
- g. Silver Lake Dunes Area Chamber of Commerce (**Steve Dykstra**)
- h. Mailing List Maintenance (**Bill DeJong**)
- i. Website Maintenance (**Marty Hayden**)
- j. Upper Silver Lake Association Liaison (**Tom Hill**)
- k. Bike Paths (**Rita Vander Vliet & Steve Dykstra**)
- l. Fishing & Status on Study (**Bill DeJong**)
- m. Golden Township Park – “Downtown” (**Ed DeJong**)
- n. Sherriff’s Dept. / Road Commission (**Ron Bell**)

**Next Meeting: TBD**