

Friends of Silver Lake

Friends of Silver Lake Board Meeting - Minutes April, 15, 2020

Meeting Location: Conference Call

Board Members Present: Ron Bell, Jim Baumbick, Bill DeJong, Rita Vander Vliet, Kyle McKee, Tom Hill, Steve Dykstra, Marty Hayden, and Chris Van Antwerp.

Absent: Jim Baumbick

Trustee Present: Ed DeJong, Bill DeJong

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

Moved by Rita Vander Vliet and seconded by Kyle McKee. Motion passed

2. Treasurer's Report by Rita Vander Vliet

Rita gave the treasurer's report. The current balance was \$13,443 there have been no new expenditures to date and one donation of \$ 500 since our last meeting in July.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report moved by Mike Hanzie and seconded by Chris VanAntwerp. Motion passed

3. Discussion to elect new Board Members

The following terms expire in 2020:

Jim Baumbick

Tom Hill

Chris VanAntwerp

Election of officer positions for 2020-2021 was postponed to annual meeting in August. A subcommittee of Kyle McKee and Mike Hanzie was formed to search for new members

Moved by Steve Dykstra and seconded by Marty Hayden. 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	2019-2021
Marty Hayden	2019-2021
Steve Dykstra	2019-2012

4. United Voice

Marty Hayden provided an update to the ongoing efforts to provide more comprehensive code septic system requirements and code enforcement. United Voice is a grass roots effort to pickup where the sewer project left off. It is an attempt to create an enhanced ordinance applied to Golden township near the watershed. A similar ordinance was passed on the Leelanau Peninsula, with testing and ongoing maintenance that meets guidelines for effluent discharge. Township board needs to vote and a significant majority is required. This is not a quick fix and at earliest a vote would be in 2021.

5. Bike Lanes

Bill DeJong has been pursuing options to have the bike lanes around Silver Lake rejuvenated, and provided an update on these efforts. Over time the bikes lanes around Silver Lake have become overgrown and in some places are nearly non-existent. The bike lane right of way is five feet. Quotes were obtained and the cost was quoted between \$ 7,000-\$ 9,000 for the initial restoration with ongoing maintenance being significantly less from year to year. The plan is to approach the township with an offer to pay around \$ 2,000 if they will pick up the balance. Additional conversations were had, with Bill offering to help raise additional funds if the township was unable to pay a significant portion of the overall cost. Board Approved partial payment to Golden Township of Not-To-Exceed \$2,000 from FoSL funds to support the clean up of bike lanes from Termite bridge to the State Park, and from the downtown area to the end of North shore drive, along with 24ave up toward the dunes ORV entrance. Bike lanes on both sides of these roads are to be cleared of sand/gravel/sod backto the original edge of the asphalt. (not sure who moved the motion and 2nd it) Motion was approved

6. Annual Meeting

Timing for the annual meeting was discussed and the options considered were as follows:

1. Postpone to August
2. Host via a Zoom meeting
3. Not have one

It was decided to schedule the annual meeting for August 1st at Grace Adventures at 9:00am. If that is not possible due to COVID-19, we will meet via Zoom.

7. Memorial Day Email Communication

- ORV and Dunes
- United Voice – Septic Status Update
- Boat Launch Dredging
- Bike Lanes - clearing of gravel & sand around Silver Lake
- Fish study update

8. Board Assignments / Responsibilities:

- DNR & State Park Liaison (District Supervisor Kasey Mahony 231-499-5461) (**Jim Baumbick**)
- United Voice (**Marty Hayden**)
- Silver Lake Septic Alternative Treatments- United Voice (**Ron Bell**)
- Golden Twp. Planning Commission (**Chris Van Antwerp**)
- Golden Twp. Board (**Chris Van Antwerp**)
- Silver Lake Recreational Association (SLRA – Curtis Brower) (**Ron Bell**)
- Silver Lake Dunes Area Chamber of Commerce (**Steve Dykstra**)
- Mailing List Maintenance (**Bill DeJong**)
- Website Maintenance (**Marty Hayden**)
- Upper Silver Lake Association Liaison (**Tom Hill**)
- Bike Paths (**Rita Vander Vliet & Steve Dykstra**)
- Fishing & Status on Study (**Bill DeJong**)
- Golden Township Park – “Downtown” (**Ed DeJong**)
- Sherriff’s Dept. / Road Commission (**Ron Bell**)
- New Board Member Committee (**Mike Hanzie & Kyle McKee**)

Next Meeting: August 1st at Grace Adventures at 9:00AM