

Friends of Silver Lake Board Meeting

October 13, 2021

Call to order - 7:32pm ET

In Attendance: Board - *Behm, Byl, Dodge, Dykstra, Elrod, Hayden, Reece, and Potempa*
Trustee - *DeJong,*

Absent: Board - Simons

Annual Meeting Minutes - Not approval at this time for August FoSL Annual Meeting, requested that these be reviewed and provide feedback/comments to Hayden for revisions prior to approval in the next annual meeting.

AppleFest Booth - Dodge and Hayden represented FoSL at the event. Our approach was to provide details on the United Voice septic reform survey, in addition to encouraging others to sign up for our email newsletter/communications. *Approximately a dozen members were also added to our mailing list and we had good conversions within the community.*

United Voice Support - Motion by Byl, second by Behm, to send FoSL letter of support for the United Voice Septic Reform proposal at the upcoming GT Planning Commission meeting on 10/26/21. Motion carried.

Board Assignment Updates

- **Bike Paths / Dykstra** - Observations from Dykstra, that much of the landscape is shifting across from Floradale with sand/debris coming into the path, then east of 18th continues to get washed out. The issue is that sand is washing up over the path, with the worst issue being east of Floradale. Keeping in mind the history of the bike path with FoSL spearheading the initiative, and the involvement of the road commission and Hallack Contracting in prior maintenance, suggestion was made that approximately 2 miles of roadway would need to be factored into future spring clean-up.
Behm suggested a call to contact point at the road commission to be covered in the spring by the road commission. The group is in agreement that perhaps a more systematic approach to seasonal maintenance could be done by the road commission for the spring clean-up.
- **DNR & State Park Liaison / Elrod** - No big updates yet, but information on the MI Horseback Council there will be an event that is held on November 1st - November 14th for equestrian event.
- **Fishing & Status on Study / DeJong** – no report
- **Floradale Association / Elrod** - nothing official to report back just yet. Floradale has annual association meetings Memorial Day and Labor Day weekend.
- **Golden Township Board & Planning Commisison / Reece** – Reece has been attending the Board and Planning Commission meetings on behalf of Silver Lake Untied Voice and pursuing changes to section 4.39 to provide septic reform (inspection every 5yrs) in the township. October 26, 2021 will be United Voice's presentation at the Planning Commission meeting. Board members were encouraged to send an email or outreach to Draper (Township Zoning Administrator) to endorse the proposed changes.

- Golden Township Park – “Downtown” / Dodge - no report.
- Golden Township Planning Commission / Unassigned – no report.
- New Board Member Committee / Unassigned – no report/need Board contributions.
- Sheriff's Department / Road Commission / Behm - Dan will connect with the road commission about the bike path as well as needed clean up at the dune turnaround at the end of North Shore Drive. This lack of maintenance could lead to poor experience for Silver Lake visitors, especially as it pertains to the State Park.

Motion was made by Reese, supported by Elrod for FoSL to write appropriate parties urging prompt maintenance on removing sand from the turnaround at the dunes on North Shore Drive. Motion Carried.

- Silver Lake Dunes Area Chamber of Commerce / Steve Dykstra - no report.
- Silver Lake Improvement Board / Byl - SLIB meeting planned for October 25, 2021 where lake management RLS will provide their annual report. This will provide a snapshot of the health of the lake and its trend (up or down) over time.
- Silver Lake Recreational Association / Dodge - Jason able to connect with a couple of the main leaders of SLRA for introductions, but no follow up yet.
- United Voice / Hayden - Updates provided above for the upcoming Golden Township Planning Commission presentation 10/26/21.
- Upper Silver Lake Association Liaison / Potempa – contact made/no report.
- Website Maintenance / Hayden – Marty requested Board members review the FoSL site with respect to your current assignment, and make recommendations on the information that would be helpful to include on the site.

New Business –

- a. Carp Cull Contest - Discussions of working to get rid of or cut down on the number of carp in Silver Lake. Is this an approach to take with the Improvement Board to consider a contents/award for those to participate in an event.
- b. Fundraising focus for YE Appeal – Marty sought interest in year-end appeal for donations, with funds raised focused on equipment for Movies in the Park at Township Park.

Other Business & Open Comments

- Byl - is there an opportunity to touch base with appropriate parties on removing some of the larger trees along the Silver Lake outlet from Termite Bridge toward the lighthouse that present public safety concerns. Dykstra noted there are some trees that have been marked, perhaps by Great Lakes Energy along the path of proposed new underground power lines.
- Hayden expressed an interest in developing a dialogue with the Sheriff to best relate FoSL's opposition to the ORVs on the roadway and if there is a plan in place to how they'll enforce those types of vehicles on the roadways. Behm will reach out to the Sheriff to establish a relationship to understand where they stand on the issue of ORVs on the roadways.

Adjournment - 9:05pm ET