

Friends of Silver Lake Board Annual Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2022 -

Call to Order: 9:30AM ET

Present: Hayden, Dodge, Behm, Reece, Simons, Elrod, Potema

Absent:

Community Presentations & Discussions

Silver Lake State Park/DNR – Updates from Jody Johnston (park manager) and Josh Smith (park supervisor) from MDNR, include information related to a new rental company in the park, Sun Buggy Rentals. Given their location, they are not required to trailer in, therefore should be no concern for ORV parking area congestion.

New wayfinding points have been added throughout the ORV area in an effort to provide improved location and communication between those who might be injured or need help, and the MDNR staff.

Boat launch access areas have been adjusted at the State Park in an effort to alleviate traffic issues and safety concerns for boaters moving vehicles, boats and trailers in and out of the launch. It is known that the parking lot and boat launch continues to be of frustration to local property owners who might want to launch their boats on the weekends, the policy states that if the lot is full, you cannot launch a boat. These are state-level policies, not just at Silver Lake State Park. Johnston & Smith mentioned there could be grant money available to develop another boat launch, but concerns arise over who is available to champion that effort.

Silver Lake Improvement Board – Updates from Tim Beggs and Dr. Jones regarding the overall health and wellbeing of Silver Lake. Unfortunately the lake environment remains poor, due to a lack of vegetation mostly. Surveys that are being performed on a regular basis this season, show plants are near the shore and not subversive vegetation. Meaning algae growth. There continues to be high turbidity (high solids) in the lake due to runoff, which can elevate phosphorous levels which also leads to the algae growth.

FoSL has spearheaded a carp cull to assist with the process of removing carp from the lake, which could further the progress of transplanting native vegetation species back into the lake.

Note: there were roadblocks with the carp cull efforts due to 3-month notifications by/to the localized native American tribe(s), which were unknown at the the time, therefore this process has been delayed.

Silver Lake United Voice – Updates from Guy Reece on the past year (2021) efforts to have septic reform be a part of Golden Township was met with 4 out of 5 requirements necessary to be considered, in effort to meet 51% vote requirements as outlined by Golden Township.

Oceana County Sheriff - Updates from Ryan Schiller, Undersheriff for Oceana County, to discuss the millage that is being proposed for new jail facilities. Schiller has encouraged the community to be more involved with Code Red, or Smart 911 to be more up-to-date of any major event occurrences that happen in the region.

End of Presentations & Discussions 10:44AM ET

July 2021 Annual Board Meeting Minutes 10:45AM ET - Motion to approve the annual minutes from 2021 as presented by Behm, second by Reece. Motion carries.

2022 Annual FoSL Treasury Report - Simons updates the board on the treasury report from the past year. Motion to approve the treasury report as presented by Potema, second by Behm. Motion carries.

2022 Public Comments - Conversations were open for public comment, with the following feedback/comments made for consideration and discussion of the FoSL board:

- Feedback or insights on what is being done for ropes up in the pedestrian area to keep traffic in line?
- Trash cans are no longer present from the beach area within the ORV portion of the Silver Lake State Park. There's concern that the "pack in and pack out" approach to waste is not working. MDNR does not have the staff to maintain all of the trash cans, and if this was something that volunteers wanted to consider, it could be up for further discussion for next season.

2022 Board Elections - Voting for available/open positions took place for those seeking re-election or joining. Of consideration were:

- Guy Reece
- Steve Dykstra
- Marty Hayden - FoSL board President

No additional nominations from the floor were made. Motion to approve the incoming and re-election of stated FoSL board members by J. Hayden, second by Dodge. Motion carries.

Simons updates the board on treasury report from the past year. Motion to approve the treasury report as presented by Potema, second by Behm. Motion carries.

Adjournment: 11:00AM ET