

Friends of Silver Lake Board Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2023

Call to Order: 8:35PM ET (via Zoom)

Present: Byl (Partial), Elrod, Hayden, and Simons

Absent: Dodge and Reece

May 2023 Board Meeting Minutes (5/24/23) - Motion to approve May 2023 board meeting minutes of 5/24/23 as presented by Simons, second by Elrod. Motion carried.

Old Business –

- **Friends of Silver Lake Annual Meeting** – FoSL held its annual meeting on June 24th 2023 at the Golden Township Park at the Silver Lake Sand Dunes. There were presentations from Dr. Jones of Restorative Lake Sciences and Tim Beggs Oceana County Commissioner and SLIB member on the latest information on lake management and the results to date on the carp cull. Hayden introduced the ‘What’s Your Silver Lake Legacy?’ campaign and the initial focus of every homeowner’s Septic Responsibility. Twenty-eight (28) people attended.
- **Board Nominees** – The previous suggested nominees were contacted but declined participation. Additional nominees are being sought, Simons and Elrod agreed to pursue some contacts. We currently have three (3) open Board positions.
- **Boat Parade** – The 2023 Boat Parade took place this year on the 4th of July prior to the fireworks. There were twenty-six (26) boats in this year’s parade (23 that started out from the dunes and three that joined in during the event).
- **Silver Lake Improvement Board Update** – The SLIB met on July 24, 2023 and provided an update on their Carp Cull, the BioChar initiative and a planned Workshop planned for 8/19/23 with a focus on Septic System Maintenance.
- **‘Legacy’ Septic Campaign** – The next steps for the Septic Responsibility theme of the Legacy Campaign will be to promote septic responsibility at the 8/19/23 SLIB Workshop and pursue a mailing to all households in the SLIB Assessment district.

New Business –

- **Floradale Wastewater Project** – Elrod reported on a group septic project that took place at the Flora-Date development. The program linked 14 cottages to 2 primary septic tanks that flow to a common dosing tank that then pumps the effluence to a appropriately sized drain field far from (1000’) from the lake. The system was designed by a Flora-Dale resident and built by Swihart’s Septic.
- **Review Board Assignments** – Board members were asked to review the Board Assignments distributed with the Board Directory to determine which organization(s) they can consistently manage in the upcoming year.

- **General Board Discussion** – Hayden reported that IRS and State of Michigan reports had been filed for 2022. A motion was made by Byl, seconded by Simons, to authorize reimbursement of State of Michigan filing fees and for mailing costs related to the Legacy campaign, the motion carried.

Adjournment: 9:22 PM ET