

Friends of Silver Lake Annual Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2024 at Golden Township Park - Silver Lake

Call to Order: 9:31AM ET

Board Members Present: Hayden, Dodge, Elrod

Board Members Absent: Reece, Simons, Byl

Community Presentations & Discussions

Silver Lake Improvement Board (SLIB) – Updates from SLIB and Restorative Lake Sciences, Lorenne Gilbert and Taylor Suttrop. Recap of the May 20, 2024 lake survey and findings of a simple species in the lake (Milfoil). No signs of blue/green algae like what was found in May of 2023, and with the impending heat waves we could see this spike again. Revised results of the phosphorus and lake health study have been published on the FoSL website.

Discussions on the pre and post study of using BioChar in the lake. RLS will be producing the results of their study after collection this fall (fall of 2024) which will provide trending data.

Silver Lake State Park & MDNR – Updates from MDNR and Silver Lake State Park Supervisor, Josh Smith. Input and feedback on the park management plan which was focused more on the ORV area and a push for more riding areas, though it is congested. No current updates on parking at the pedestrian area. 1 AED that will go into the public access area of the ORV scramble area that is publicly accessible. Training for all rangers has going on for CPR, AED, and similar for improved public safety. Sound testing is to make a comeback in the summer months. Small upgrades to bathrooms (paint), AEDs are also being deployed in the campground(s).

Oceana County Sheriff Department – Updates from Ryan Schiller, Undersheriff. Over the past 3 years (to date), 205 calls to service have taken place which is in the ballpark of where they are supposed to be. Schiller provided a rundown of what the various violations, calls and situations their team at Oceana County Sheriff Department have been involved in. Increased police presence in the Silver Lake community and working their best to make improvements in Golden Township (dedicated deputy). Marine division is composed of three (3) different individuals who the community will see present to patrol the lake.

Friends of Silver Lake - Year-in-review – Updates from Hayden on keeping the greater Silver Lake community a vibrant one. In doing so, FoSL is working to attend as many of the public meetings as possible to receive and distribute information to members. 2023 boat parade was held and will be held again this year in 2024 and FoSL welcomes your participation.

Recap of the 2024 Carp Cull Contest to encourage kids 16 and under to take carp out of the lake and paying \$2 per carp with a \$50 bonus to the most caught each weekend. In total across the 4 Sunday efforts, there were 19 kids with 117 carp taken out of the lake. FoSL is seeking ideas to make this a larger event, while effectively collecting and disposing of the fish.

Friends of Silver Lake - Silver Lake Legacy Campaign – In 2023 FoSL introduced a personal responsibility effort for your septic system. Know what you got, maintain what you got, improve what you got. FoSL is working to analyze data to discover the average age of septic system that is directly contributing to the lake.

FoSL Annual Board Meeting Minutes 2023 - Motion to approve the annual minutes from 2023 as presented by Hayden, second by Elrod . Motion carries.

2023 Annual FoSL Treasury Report - Updates from the board on the treasury report from the past year. As of June 2023, FoSL retained a balance of \$13,521.13. Through March of 2024, FoSL reports payments in total of \$1,640.11 including contributions for Silver Lake Chamber of Commerce, Thunder over the Dunes Fireworks, and reimbursement of expenses related to the online presence (website) of FoSL, and FoSL has taken in \$1,855 in donations, netting a March 2024 total of \$13,736.02.

Golden Township Supervisor Candidate Introductions – Introductions of candidates for Golden Township Supervisor which includes Carl Fuehring, Jake Whelpley, and Rob Draper. Whelpley and Draper are both present to share more about their background and intentions of being in the position of Golden Township Supervisor (Candidate Fuehring could not attend the FoSL meeting).

2024 Board Elections – With three candidates for three open Board positions, by consent the following Board members were elected for a three-year term (2024-2027):

- Jason Dodge - *incumbent*
- Dave Elrod - *incumbent*
- Steve Dykstra - *returning*

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

- Inquiry on the spawning activity of carp and what can be done.
- Concerns over sand that blows across the walkways or roadways and who is responsible for cleaning this up. Input provided on how to assist with cleaning these areas up.
- Any information available on whether or not geese also contribute to the lake pollution?

Adjournment: 11:37AM ET