



# Park History

- 2002 - Silver Lake 2010 Goals
  - *Improvement to Road into Silver Lake*
  - *Walkway/Bike Trail*
  - *Free Access Community Park with public restrooms*
- 2008 - Discussion with Harvey Berens
- 2009 - Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Acquisition Grant Application - Declined
- 2010 - 2<sup>nd</sup> MNRTR Grant Application - Awarded
- 2012 - Twp Acquired Property as Community Park

# 2013 Park Dedication



# May 2013 Park Dedication

*260 Local  
Residents  
Attended*



# Park Advisory Committee

*Appointed by Township Board*

- Harvey Berens
- Connie Cargill
- Jeff Clark
- Gary Dunham
- Bob Henry





## Community Input

- *Harry Wierenga of Fleis & Vandenbrink conducted an open forum at Township Hall for public input on the park development.*
- *Bill DeJong distributed 12 question online survey for Community input. 179 responded*



- **Master Plan Developed & Approved**
- **2013 Projects- *Funded by personal donations***
  - Park entrance from Silver Lake Road
  - Removal and cleanup of marginal trees



Cleaned up by Community  
Volunteers. The fire burned  
for three days!

# 2014 Completed Tasks

- Graded with donated fill
- Grass Planted
- Park Sign Installed







- *Electric Service* - Supported financially by Golden Township, Community Foundation and Apple & BBQ Cook-Off Festival.
- *40' x 60' Picnic Pavilion* - Supported by community donations -- completion in July 2014



## • Funds Received

- Great Lakes Energy People's Fund - *Park Sign*
- *Silver Lake Sand Dunes Area Chamber - Park Sign*
- *Community Foundation Oceana County - Electric Svc*
- *Silver Lake Sand Dunes Apple & BBQ Cook-Off Festival -- Electric Service*
- *Community Donations -- Picnic Pavilion & Sprinkler System*



## Pending Grant Applications

- Coastal Zone Management  
*Parking Lot, Park Walkways, Nature Trail*
- *Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund*  
*Restrooms, Band Shell*

# Additional Community Support Needed!

- *Donations towards Well and Sprinkler System*
- *Volunteers -- Sign Up Sheet*



# Truly A Community Park

- *2014 - 470 Attended Community Spirit Day*
- *Picnic In The Park/Farm Market - July 8<sup>th</sup> - August 26<sup>th</sup>*

