

Friends of Silver Lake

Board of Directors Meeting

September 1, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 9:08.

Members present: Gary Darling, Ed DeJong, Bill DeJong, Tim DeMaat, Marty Hayden, Bob Henry, Nancy Pechar, Sue Sharp.

Absent: Jean Adams.

1. Welcome and getting to know each other.
2. Update on the past year. The first meeting was held one year ago at Bill DeJong's house. That meeting was to discuss the poor quality of the lake and what could possibly be done about it. Over 100 people were in attendance. There was consensus to look into the matter. A list of names and emails was collected to be able to communicate with people around the lake. A decision was made to try to either resurrect the prior lake owners association, the Silver Lake Dunes Corporation or begin a new one. After contacting the prior officers we found they had not been meeting since about 2002 but had kept up the tax-exempt status. A decision was made to reorganize. The name was changed to the Friends of Silver Lake. The Bylaws were updated and have been adopted. The bank account was transferred to the Friends of Silver Lake. Temporary Board Members were appointed. All interested parties can be members. There will be no dues. Fundraisers will be held when funds are needed. The Silver Event was held to raise money to fund the Friends of Silver Lake contribution to the USGS/GVSU Environmental Evaluation.
3. Board members for the 2012-2013 year were selected and length of terms was assigned.
 - 1 year term - Gary Darling, Bill DeJong, and Tim DeMaat
 - 2 year term - Bob Henry, Ed DeJong, and Sue Sharp.
 - 3 year term - Jean Adams, Marty Hayden and Nancy Pechar.
4. Election of Officers for 2012 – 2013. A motion was made by Nancy Pechar and seconded by Marty Hayden to elect the following slate of officers.
 - President - Ed DeJong
 - Vice President - Gary Darling
 - Treasurer - Bill DeJong
 - Secretary - Sue Sharp.

This motion passed unanimously.

5. The date of the next annual meeting was set for Saturday, June 8, 2013. Ed will call to see if it can be held at Grace Adventures.
6. Dates and times for future Board of Directors meetings were set for:
 - November 28, 2012 4PM
 - April 10, 2013 4PM
 - June 8, 2013 after the annual meetingEd will arrange the location and conference calling will be available for anyone not able to physically attend the meeting.
7. Permanent Committees were established.
 - Executive committee: Ed, Gary, Bill, and Sue
 - Nominating committee: Tim – chair, Bill, and Jean
 - Fund raising/Public Relations: Gary – chair, Nancy, and Bob
8. Other work committees were also established:

IT, including database development, web, Facebook, twitter, etc.:

- Marty Hayden, chair
- Bill DeJong
- Katie Alexander
- Others people will be asked to serve on this committee.

Education Committee:

- Sue Sharp, chair
- Nancy Pechar

USGS Steering Committee:

- Co-chairs - Bill DeJong & Angela Brennen, the USGS project coordinator.
- Lake Improvement Board member Larry Byl
- Friends of Silver Lake member Bill Bryker
- GVSU representative
- USGS representative

Email master list for properties around the lake so that all residents can be informed:

- Nancy Pechar, chair
- Ed DeJong
- Jean Adams

Township communication and relations:

- Nancy Pechar, Chair
- Jean Adams

Ideas / Comments:

IT – Keep it simple and inexpensive. Whatever is developed should be easy to update and use. Bob Henry, Sierra Sands uses Gas Light Media.

Community improvements:

- Nancy will contact the township to find out how FoSL might be able to get a representative on the committee that is working on the development of the new park.
- Bike path to the light house thru the state land

Public Relations

- Township Planning - Attend township meetings so we know what is going on. We don't want the township to be taking action on important things that would affect the Silver Lake area without our input.
- Septic ordinances, rules & regulations
- What would it cost for FoSL to become a member of the local Chamber of Commerce?

FoSL Logo – Gary Darling is working on this. Contact Jonathan (Jon) Ornee' to possibly help with this.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06.