

# Friends of Silver Lake

## Minutes

### Friends of Silver Lake Board Meeting

June 27, 2016 7:00 p.m.

#### Members Present:

Jesse Chickering, Bill DeJong, Ed DeJong, Sean Henry, Mike Jonassen, Pat Petermann, Tom Rickhoff, Don Tucker, Rita Vander Vliet

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Rickhoff. Tom introduced the new board members, Jesse Chickering, Sean Henry, and Don Tucker. We all had an opportunity to briefly share our history at Silver Lake.

1. We approved the FoSL Board Meeting Minutes from May 5, 2016.
2. We approved the June 11, 2016, Annual Meeting Minutes.
3. Bill presented the current financial status of FoSL. Our current balance in checking is \$10,643.48. This report was approved. The Board authorized \$500.00 for the Silver Lake fireworks (check has been written).
4. Tom thanked the retiring board members for their time of service.

A new slate of officers was proposed and accepted. The new officers are as follows:

President, Ed DeJong  
Vice President, Michael Jonassen  
Secretary, Don Tucker  
Treasurer, Rita Vander Vliet

5. The following persons will be authorized signers of the Friends of Silver Lake account at Shelby State Bank:

Ed DeJong, President  
Rita Vander Vliet, Treasurer

#### 6. Board Assignments

- DNR Liaison – Jesse Chickering
- Silver Lake Recreational Association (SLRA) – Ed DeJong
- Silver Lake Dunes Area Chamber of Commerce – Don Tucker
- Silver Lake Improvement Board (SLIB) – Bill DeJong
- Mailing List Maintenance – Bill DeJong (There are currently 800 contacts on our mailing list.)
- Upper Silver Lake Association Liaison – Michael Jonassen
- Website Maintenance - Marty Hayden & Chris Olson (Ed will talk to Chris about this.)
- Bike Paths (Currently a hiking trail) – Jesse Chickering, Judi Rippee
- FoSL Booth at Applefest – Michael Jonassen and Rita Vander Vliet
- Golden Township Board Liaison – TBD after Aug. 2 elections
- Golden Township Parks – Sean Henry
- Golden Township Temporary Rental Ordinance – Ed DeJong

7. Tom explained that the hiking trail is a 1.2 mile path to the lighthouse. Hopefully, this will become a bike path in the near future. There are guided tours on the trail every Friday morning at 9:00. Special tours can be arranged by calling Jean Adams (231-873-4179).

8. Bill reported the following information about a possible Silver Lake community sewer project:

- There may be financial assistance available through the USDA Rural Development for a sewer project in the Silver Lake area.
  - The Department of Agriculture could provide low interest loans. The current rate is 2¼% over 40 years.
  - The Department of Agriculture could possibly fund 20-40% of the project.
  - Bill is working with Golden Township to submit a proposal for a \$30,000 search grant to help determine the type of system that will work best for the area. The proposals will likely be submitted by July 15. If approved, the funds could become available approximately September 1.
- Bill anticipates that in 60-90 days, we will see a report on the type of system(s) that will optimally serve the area.

9. The DNR gave money to SLRA to research the expansion of the ORV parking lot and access to the dunes. This includes the expansion of the pedestrian parking by 50%. The draft proposal also calls for a second ORV access on North Shore Drive for commercial vendors. This would be very disruptive and unsafe for the cottage owners that live along the road in the cul-de-sac area. The residents along North Shore Drive are requesting the DNR to modify the proposal to eliminate the second access to the dunes on North Shore Drive.

In addition to the DNR approval, it will also need to be approved by the DEQ because it is in a critical dune area.

10. Bill would like to develop a system of canvassing the lake area to acquire more email addresses.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rita Vander Vliet