

# Friends of Silver Lake

## Minutes

### Friends of Silver Lake Board Meeting

September 3, 2015

#### Members Present:

Bob Busscher, Ed DeJong, Mike Jonassen, Pat Petermann, Tom Rickhoff, Judith Rippee, Rita Vander Vliet

**Guest:** Jody Johnston

#### Members Absent:

Bill DeJong, Chris Olsen

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Rickhoff. Tom introduced Jody Johnston, the new manager for Silver Lake State Park.

1. We approved the June 18, 2015, Board meeting minutes.
2. The notes from the July 16 Board discussion were reviewed by Tom.
3. Tom presented the current financial status of FoSL. This report was approved.
4. Ed presented the project update for USGS/GVSU. The USGS is working to have their report ready by the end of September or beginning of October. It is currently undergoing the peer review process. Once it is ready, it will be submitted to the Silver Lake Improvement Board. An easier to read and understand 5-7 page summary of this report will also be created and will likely be available in the first quarter of 2016.

The summary and full report will be available through our website at [www.friendsofsilverlake.org](http://www.friendsofsilverlake.org).

A plan of action based on the results of this report will be developed this winter and will be available next spring.

5. Jody Johnston updated us on the remodel of Silver Lake State Park. One item of special interest – the current boat launch will only be open on weekends beginning Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. For updated information, please visit and “like” <https://www.facebook.com/SilverLakeSP>. They are looking at other ways to keep people informed of the park activities – radio announcements, state park sign, and others.

Jody mentioned that putting bathrooms in the dunes is still being investigated.

The DNR is asking the managers of State Parks to investigate the feasibility of forming a “friends” of the State Park group. Jody is going to email us the documentation on this process.

6. Tom reported that our volunteers did an excellent job of supporting the guided hikes every Friday this summer at 9 a.m. The Friday guided tours will be available until October 30. The possibility of this becoming a biking trail is still being investigated. Jody said that Pete Lundborg told him that parts of the trail may be on private property.

7. Ed reported that the well transfer agreement is being resolved by Bill DeJong and the DNR.
8. We will have an informational booth at the Apple and BBQ Festival in the vendors area on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mike has offered to pick up the tables, etc. from Bill DeJong and, with the help of Tom and Rita, set it up in our space at the festival. Mike will also take the booth down and return it to Bill DeJong. Rita will make a sign stating that for a \$15 donation, a FoSL baseball cap will be acquired. Rita will also get change for the donations and, hopefully, more volunteers to attend the booth. Ed is going to check on a flier that can be given to people interested in information on FoSL.
9. Tom updated us on the status of the baseball caps. The cost is approximately \$10 per hat and will be given to individuals who make a \$15 donation. The purchase and design of the hats was approved by an email vote. We will have them in time for the Apple and BBQ Festival. In the future, we may also get stickers.
10. In the next few days, Tom will send out a September update to the FoSL mailing list.
11. We discussed area captains and association liaisons from the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Tom mentioned that "Friends" was on the agenda for both the Golden Sands and Lighthouse Associations this year. Rita, Michael, and Bob were preparing to update their associations at their Labor Day meetings. Pat mentioned that the Channel Area and South June Dr. areas will require door to door coverage.
12. Tom mentioned that FoSL has a board, but no trustees. Bill DeJong is a very valuable resource to FoSL and he might be willing to be a trustee after his term on the board is completed. No formal motion was made at this time. Ed mentioned that it would require a change to our bylaws.
13. Representing a Silver Lake resident, Rita asked if FoSL could do anything to get a "no-wake hours" policy for Silver Lake. It seems that this would be quite difficult and should start with the Oceana County Sheriff or Tim Simons, who is the head of Marine Patrol. She will pass this information on to the concerned resident.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30.