

# Friends of Silver Lake

## Board Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2017 Held at Ed DeJong's home

Primary purpose: To prepare for the Annual Meeting to be held at Grace Adventures, June 10 at 9:00 AM

Board Members Present:

Chris Olsen, Michael Jonassen, Ed DeJong, Pat Petermann, Judi Rippee, Rita VanderVliet, Sean Henry, Jesse Chickering

Others: Bill DeJong – Board Trustee

Treasures Report: Rita VanderVliet

- 2016 year end donations were \$700
- Current cash balance as of 5/8/2017 is \$12,039.48

Motions: Sean Henry made a motion for Friends of Silver Lake to donate \$500 to the Silver Lake, July 4<sup>th</sup> fire works celebration.

Motion was seconded by Rita VanderVliet.

Motion was voted on and passed.

Our annual meeting needs to be communicated to our members:

- **Bill** to do the following
  - Contact John Kavenaugh from the Oceana Journal
  - Email to FoSL list
    - Week of Memorial Day
    - Week of the meeting
    - Maybe one additional time
    - Should a meeting agenda be sent to the email list?

Annual Meeting Agenda below is tentative. Times allotted to each item may vary.

1. Voting for new board members: (15 minutes)

Nominations for the election of new Board Members -

Current Board Members:

06/2014-06/2017 Chris Olson, Michael Jonassen (Vice-President), and Ed DeJong  
06/2015-06/2018 Pat Petermann, Judi Rippee, and Rita Vander Vliet (Secretary)  
06/2016-06/2019 Sean Henry, Jesse Chickering, Don Tucker (resigned 4/28/2017)

We need to have (4) candidates – 3 to replace outgoing members, Chris Olson, Michael Jonassen & Ed DeJong. Plus 1 candidate for 2 year term to replace Don Tucker

Several names were submitted and the board appointed Michael Jonassen, Jesse Chickering & Ed DeJong to be the nominating committee that would follow up and ask some of those on the list. The committee will submit the names of those who agree to be candidates for the board positions. The board will vote via email before the annual meeting to approve board candidate nominees.

- **Michael Jonassen, Jesse Chickering, Ed DeJong**
  - Ed will contact Michael and Jesse to assign who will be contacting which candidate
- Of the board members going off the board, Chris & Michael indicated that they did not want to continue as board members. Ed DeJong agreed to continue if needed.
- Seasonal residents: Those with (\*) will be asked first
  - Jim Baumbick – N. Shore Dr. – has been asked and will let Ed know if he is willing
  - Tom Hill – W. Silver Lake Rd. – has already agreed to be a candidate
  - Chuck Corwin – N. Shore Dr.
  - Rob DenBraber – N. Shore Dr. close to 'downtown'
- Lighthouse trail people & also seasonal residents
  - Mary Ann Doty
  - Byron Doty
  - Leta Mae Corwin
- Golden Sands Association
  - Kenny Hayes (North & South)
  - Pam Clark
  - Jill \* or Chris \* VanAntwerp (South)
- Recommended by Rita Vander Vliet
  - Dave Hemmeke \* – SummerWind condos. 616-498-9090 [hemmeked@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hemmeked@sbcglobal.net)
- Upper Silver Lake recommendations – Michael J. may suggest possible candidates at a later date.
- Others:
  - Aliesha Kolinda \* – Golden Sands Golf Course
  - Ben Vander Kodde – Grace Adventures
  - Scott Formsma – Grace Adventures
  - Tim Hurtzler – Grace Adventures

## 2. Sewer Update – (10 minutes)

- **Bill** will put together a short power point presentation that shows the progress to date and when future information and action is expected. Also a brief explanation for each of the two systems that are currently being researched. Bill is unable to attend the annual meeting, so this presentation will be made by Larry Byl & Ed DeJong.

- Timeline
  - STEP System
  - Gravity System
3. DNR Updates: (15 minutes) - ORV & Pedestrian Parking lot expansion plans
- **Ed** will contact Tim to discuss his availability and willingness to present
    - Tim Schreiner – District Supervisor (DNR)
4. Fisheries - as related to Silver Lake (10 minutes)
- **Jesse** will contact Dan O’Keefe who is an expert in aquatic biology and a public liaison for Michigan Sea Grant / Great Lakes Initiative. We discussed having Dan do a 10 minute presentation at the annual meeting. Also ask if he would stay after the meeting to meet with those interested in learning more about fishing (past, present, future) in Silver Lake. We would like the information during the annual meeting to focus on how the high concentration of nutrients (phosphorus and nitrogen) are affecting fishing in Silver Lake.
    - Dan O’Keefe
5. Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes – Update (5-10 minutes)
- **Sean** will speak with Bob Henry & Gary Dunham about making a 5 – 10 minute presentation.
    - \* It would be effective if they put together a handout about the park that would be distributed at the annual meeting. (\* this was not discussed, but this note is added.)
    - Gary Dunham
    - Bob Henry
6. Pickleball courts – (5 minutes)
- **Ed** will see if there is a pickleball enthusiast that would like to ask if there is a community interest in raising money for court(s) at the Golden Township Park.
7. Lighthouse Trail Update (5 - 10 minutes)
- **Jesse** will work with **Bill** to obtain GIS map(s) of the trails. **Jesse** will arrange for someone to present this lighthouse trail update and 2017 plans for guided hikes, etc. (Byron & Mary Ann Doty?)
    - Will there be guides again this year for the Friday morning hikes?
      - Volunteers for guides
8. Volunteer forms: (15 minutes)
- Ask attendees to fill out the form showing where they would like to volunteer
- **Unassigned** – Someone needs to develop the form. Similar to last years.
  - **Unassigned** – Someone to present this at the meeting.
  - Areas where volunteers are needed:
    - Lighthouse trail
    - Fish committee
    - Brochure / Facebook page – come up with a brochure explaining who Friends of Silver Lake is and what they do.
    - Mailing list – There are associations around the lake that we would like to collaborate with. Also, canvassing

- Master Plan – Golden Township master plan
- Applefest – craft booths will be present on Saturday only in 2017. FoSL will do a booth again this year.

9. Tuesday's Picnic in the Park promotion

- **Sean** will speak with Bob Henry & Gary Dunham
  - This could be combined with the Golden Township Park update

10. Golden Township Planning Commission (10 minutes)

- **Ed** – to contact Michael Cook, chairman of the GTPC to see if it is necessary for him to present a request for volunteers to work with GTPC on the master plan
  - Michael Cook
    - Master Plan
    - Rental Ordinance

11. Treasures Report (2 minutes)

- **Rita VanderVliet** – Treasurer

12. Silver Lake Improvement Board – update (10 minutes)

- **Bill** will speak with Larry Byl about presenting
  - Larry Byl