

Friends of Silver Lake

Friends of Silver Lake Board Meeting - Minutes

July 13, 2017 4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Judi Rippee, Rita VanderVliet, Sean Henry, Jesse Chickering, Bill DeJong, Jim Baumbick, Chris VanAntwerp, Ed DeJong

Members Absent: Pat Petermann, Tom Hill

Current Board Members:

06/2015-06/2018	Pat Petermann, Judi Rippee, and Rita Vander Vliet (Treasurer)
06/2016-06/2019	Sean Henry, Jesse Chickering, Bill DeJong
06/2017-06/2020	Jim Baumbick, Tom Hill, Chris Van Antwerp

Meeting was opened by past President Ed DeJong

1. Introductions – Each person gave a brief introduction of themselves indicating how long they have been coming to Silver Lake and what brought them to Silver Lake the first time.
2. Treasurer's report was given by Rita VanderVliet – Current Balance \$11,584.48
3. Motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from May 8, 2017.
 - a. Motion made by Sean Henry, Second by Rita VanderVliet
 - b. Motion passed
4. Motion to approve the Annual Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2017.
 - a. Motion made by: Judi Rippee, Seconded by Judi Rippee
 - b. Motion passed.
5. Motion to Elect the following officers:
 - a. President Bill DeJong
 - b. Vice President Jim Baumbick
 - c. Secretary Sean Henry
 - d. Treasurer Rita Vander Vliet
6. Vote passed to authorize the signers of the Friends of Silver Lake bank account at Shelby State Bank. Authorized signers to be:
 - a. President Bill DeJong
 - b. Treasurer Rita VanderVliet
7. The role of a Trustee on our FoSL Board, per our association By-Laws was explained by Bill DeJong.

8. USDA SEARCH Grant sewer update was given by Bill DeJong
 - 90% of study complete, looking for final costs and financing for both options by August 2017.
 - The two firms (Prein & Newhof & Stephens Consulting met with Golden Township Supervisor, Carl Fuehring and Treasurer, Connie Cargill and others involved with the SEARCH Grant; met on June 28 to update the group on their work
 - There was an informal meeting on 7/12/17 with Golden Township & City of Hart to discuss progress
 - Jim Baumbick asked about the State's responsibility to participate in a community sewer system, considering they have control of the campground and ORV area. Bill explained that the State has a predetermined formula for figuring out how system costs are to be paid for by each user. There is a term referred to as Residential Equivalent Units or REU's. The number of REU's each user has is determined by this formula. Ie. A certain number of camp sites equals one REI or a certain number of rooms at a hotel equals one REU.
 - Bill DeJong explained they are working on a community process that would allow stake holders the opportunity to help choose the best option. This process would begin once the Search grant information is complete.
 - o Meeting in August with final numbers for both options
 - o Receive input from the Community at a community workshop type meeting to get their input & feedback and to discuss and get a consensus on the best sewer options.
 - o Recommendation given by Golden Township
 - o Scheduled vote with property owners with in the designated assessment district (looking for a majority vote based on REU formula)
 - Jim Baumbick asked the group what went wrong with the proposal in 2004 and discussion revolved around the overall cost of the project.
 - Jim Baumbick brought up the need to communicate and educate throughout the process as well as after a decision is made and before a vote is taken.

9. Lighthouse trail update was given by Jesse Chickering: There are three trails (orang: to Lighthouse, Blue to Dam, Green to pond, plus the Ruckles Bridge trail by the dunes. Hopefully, these will become more permanent in the future. Jesse was going to reach out to Jody at the State Park to start the discussion of parking and possible signage on the trail.

10. Board Assignments/Responsibilities

- a. DNR Liaison – Jesse Chickering
 - i. SL State Park ORV & Pedestrian Parking lot expansion
 - ii. SL fishing
 - iii. Lighthouse hiking trail & Bike Paths - Chris VanAntwerp & Judi Rippee
- b. Silver Lake Recreational Association (SLRA) Jim Baumbick
- c. Silver Lake Dunes Area Chamber of Commerce – Sean Henry
- d. Silver Lake Improvement Board (SLIB) – Ed DeJong
- e. Mailing List Maintenance – Bill DeJong (There are currently approx. 800 contacts on our mailing list.)
- f. Website Maintenance - Marty Hayden
- g. Upper Silver Lake Association Liaison – Judi Rippee
- h. Bike Paths (Currently a hiking trail) – Jesse Chickering, Judi Rippee
- i. FoSL Booth at Applefest – in 2017 it will only be 1 day – Saturday, September 9 😊 –
 - i. Rita will put together the volunteer schedule for manning the booth
 - ii. It was suggested that a board be place outside the booth showing the activities of the FoSL Association
- j. Golden Township Board & Drain Commissioner Liaison – Sean Henry
- k. Golden Township Parks – Sean Henry
- l. Golden Township Planning Commission – Ed DeJong
- m. Other:

11. Other Business:

- a. Rita VanderVliet presented a very nice handout / flier that can be used to let people know the activities FoSL is involved in. Sean will send a copy of this out with the meeting minutes so everyone can give input on the flier before they are printed.

12. Next Meeting: Date/Location

- a. President Bill DeJong will select a date for the next meeting once more is known about the future dates of the sewer meeting in August.

Submitted by:

Sean Henry, Secretary