

Friends of Silver Lake

Friends of Silver Lake Board Meeting – Minutes

August 18, 2018

Board Members in Attendance: Jesse Chickering, Bill DeJong, Jim Baumbick, Chris Van Antwerp, Ron Bell, Gary Dunham, and Rita Vander Vliet. Trustee in attendance: Ed DeJong

Members absent: Sean Henry, Tom Hill

1. Motion & Vote to approve the Board Meeting Minutes as drafted from June 30th

Motion by Chris Van Antwerp, Seconded by Jim Baumbick. Approved

2. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Rita Vander Vliet reported no major income or expenses in the past month. There was one donation for \$250. Current Balance: \$14,335

3. Sewers / Golden Township

Bill DeJong reported that Oceana County and Golden Twp. submitted the application for financial assistance to USDA Rural Development. We should know in October to what level USDA RD will fund the project and provide loans. There are still a lot of issues as to how this will be paid for, how REUs will be defined and what the proportionate shares will be for residences, businesses, campgrounds, etc.

Board discussion suggested there needs to be a communication plan. Bill said he would talk with the engineering firm.

4. Silver Lake Dam Improvement

The dam improvement projects are to start this fall to be completed by May 2019. A public hearing was held by the Drain Commissioner earlier in the month to discuss the work and financing on the project.

5. New Cell Tower(s)

The new Verizon cell tower is working. There is also another ATT tower that is to be built on the Grace Adventures property to be completed in the next two years.

6. Silver Lake Improvement Board

At the June 2018 Lake Improvement Board Meeting, Jesse Chickering was appointed to be on the Lake Improvement Board. At this same meeting, Restorative Lake Services (RLS) was selected for lake management company. RLS immediately began studying the lake and came up with an outline of a 5-year plan. The assessment would be approx. \$100/yr. for front lots and \$50/year for back lots similar to what it has been in the past.

A Public hearing scheduled on August 25, 2018 at 10am at Golden Twp. Hall

7. State Park / ORV Improvements

There is ongoing concern regarding the ORV improvements. There is a need for further discussion regarding the pedestrian parking area, pedestrian access to the dunes and pedestrian access to Silver Lake. The board discussed the ongoing problem of dunes encroaching on private residences at the end of North Shore Dr., inconsistencies in DEQ policies.

It was proposed that a meeting be held with the new district director of the DNR office located in Cadillac, MI.

There was also discussion regarding the amount of boat traffic on Silver Lake, and safety concerns.

8. FoSL Booth at Applefest

Chris Van Antwerp is working on setting up the schedule for the FoSL booth.

9. Other Updates

Chris Van Antwerp circulated notes regarding recent Golden Twp. Board actions: building permits, rental applications, permits, Twp. master plan, sewer action, etc.

Ron Bell reported that he has been in contact with officials regarding the speed limit on North Shore Dr.

Jesse Chickering reported on a regional bike paths meeting for Oceana and surrounding counties. He also talked about the need for a bike path from Silver Lake to the Hart-Montague Trail. Possibly considering a bike path along the power line.

Jim Baumbick suggested we talk with the sewer engineering firm regarding possibly having fiber optics lines installed when the sewer is installed.

Reminder: Board Assignments / Responsibilities

Note: Additional non-board members listed (with email addresses) signed up as volunteers at the Annual Meeting.

- a. State Park (**Jim Baumbick & Ed DeJong**)
 - i. Pedestrian access and other issues
 - ii. Meet new head of DNR Cadillac office
 - iii. Dunes by Silver Lake (dog unleashed, feces, trash, portable toilets)
- b. Sherriff's Dept. / Road Commission (**Ron Bell**)
 - i. **Jim Hayden** cj2a1@yahoo.com 231-873-1149
- c. Golden Twp. Planning Comm. – Master Plan (**Ed DeJong, Gary Dunham, Ron**)
- d. Golden Twp. Recreation plan (**Gary Dunham**)
- e. DNR & State Park Liaison (**Jessie Chickering/Jim Baumbick**)
- f. Silver Lake Improvement Board (**Ed DeJong**)
- g. Silver Lake Sewers (**Bill DeJong**)
- h. Golden Twp. Planning Comm. & Rec. Plans (**Gary Dunham/Ed DeJong**)
- i. Golden Twp. Board (**Chris Van Antwerp**)
- j. Silver Lake Recreational Association (SLRA) (**Mike Berggren**)
mike.berggen@gmail.com
- k. Silver Lake Dunes Area Chamber of Commerce (**Sean Henry**)
- l. Mailing List Maintenance – (**Bill DeJong**)
- m. Website Maintenance - Marty Hayden
 - i. Wendi James noctllc@outlook.com 248-797-5543
- n. Upper Silver Lake Association Liaison (**Tom Hill**)
- o. Bike Paths (**Rita Vander Vliet**)
 - i. Mike Krystiniak mkryst001@hotmail.com 734-476-7613
 - ii. Yvonne Dykstra ydykstra@hotmail.com 616-874-9512
 - iii. Patric & Patricia Patterson ppatterson23@netzero.com 904-293-7102
- p. Fishing (**Jessie Chickering**)
 - i. Patric & Patricia Patterson ppatterson23@netzero.com 904-293-7102
 - ii. Steve Dykstra steve@dykstraproperties.com 616-826-4387
- q. FoSL Booth at Applefest (**Chris Van Antwerp**)
 - i. Mike Hanzie, hantz597@comcast.net 773-573-4189
 - ii. Jim & Jane Ward jward2588@sbcglobal.net 616-532-7327

- iii. Steve & Yvonne Dykstra ydykstra@hotmail.com 616-874-9512 or 616-826-4387
- iv. Patric & Patricia Patterson ppatterson23@netzero.com 904-293-7102
- v. Marty Hayden mhayden312@gmail.com 224-628-8402
- vi. Dave Hemmeke hemmeked@sbcglobal.net 616-748-7489

- r. Golden Twp. Park – “Downtown” **(Gary Dunham)**
Gary to work on volunteers needed

Next Meeting: TBD 2018