

## VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE PARK BOARD MEETING

March 12, 2019

**ATTENDANCE:** Sandra Barstow, Dave Barstow, Mark Lipan, Cynda Zuch, Hank Gulich, Bob Zimmermann, Beth Schlupe, Jim Newhouse, Mayor Bernie Hovey **Guest:** Shelly Jurkiewicz sat in on the meeting.

Hank called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**Minutes:** Approved

**Financial:** Approved

### **REPORTS:**

**Chairman:** Hank called on Mayor Bernie Hovey who then presented a **Silver Lake Village Proclamation** to Bob Zimmermann who is resigning from the Park Board following 15 years of service. Thank you Bob. (Bob's letter is included with these minutes)

**Recreation:** Jim reported that the ball fields are reserved Monday through Thursday for the months of May to September. Girls softball is not coming back this year. Jim said that all groups are aware of our policy change and the charge for our reservation fee.

**Arbor Day:** No new report. **Reminder:** The annual Arbor Day Ceremony is Friday, April 26, 1 pm at Silver Lake Elementary. Park Board officially voted to dedicate the tree to Anna Zupko, mother of Sandy Barstow, who passed away recently.

**Arboretum:** Wet ground is delaying activity in the Arboretum.

**Islands:** Cynda reported she has cannas & elephant ears started for planting later in the islands. Flowers are ordered and she is waiting to learn if plants ordered are available. Final cost should be known by the end of the month.

**Trees:** Bob reported that although some residents lost trees due to the high winds no village trees were downed.

Beth reviewed that the Tree Commission's plans for 2019 include homeowner education as it regards to the mulching of both Village tree lawn trees and their own. The commission wants

to take advantage of the events when residents come together throughout the summer, including the annual festival and the monthly concerts at the gazebo. Hank offered the ODNR Arbor Foundation's flier on tree care. He will obtain copies for the commission to distribute at village events.

Cynda and other Park Board members voiced concerns regarding air knifing the large trees during the program, already voted on and approved by the council, to save many of our village trees. Cynda asked for a second opinion. Beth volunteered to contact Alan Siewart and Paul Theiss to discuss the concerns and to reach out to Jason Knowles, who educated us on Tree Tracker, about a second opinion.

**Garden Club:** Sandy reported the March 18 meeting is featuring our own Cynda Zuch demonstrating seasonal ideas to decorate front doors and porches. Giveaways and a delicious lunch are just some of the benefits of attending. Also, Garden Club is purchasing a sugar maple for Christmas Tree Island to serve as a Centennial Tree, valued at \$150.

**Special Projects:** Dave reported that the Pergola is under construction. Landscaping, foundation, grass & walkways will be installed later in the spring.

**Council:** No report.

**Service Department:** Mark reported that the service department is working on the pergola but the mud is not helping. But alas, the work will continue. He purchased a new chipper for the 1 ton truck. He is taking bids March 18 for paving the streets, Landon, portions of Vincent, South Oakhill, & Hastings, this year.

**New/Old: New:** 1. Dave wants a Village Celebration Open House by middle of June.

2. An Ivanhoe resident voiced concern about the female Gingko trees on his street that drop seeds that are unsightly, smelly and a general nuisance for residents. Generally, female trees are not to be sold because of this nasty habit but nurseries make mistakes (or not). The board discussed the feasibility of removing the offensive trees but the cost is a concern. No decision for action was made at this meeting.

**Adjourned:**

7:53pm

**Next meeting:** April 9, 2019

Humbly submitted by Beth Schlupe subbing for Debbie Steel

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March 11, 2019

Mayor Bernie Hovey  
Village of Silver Lake  
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**RE: Resignation from Park Board**

Dear Bernie:

For the past 15 or so years, it has been both my honor and privilege to serve on the Silver Lake Park Board. Over these years, I have served as Recreation Committee Chairman, Park Board Chairman and Tree Committee Chairman. As a Board, we have done many wonderful things for the Village and I am proud of our accomplishments. But now, due to numerous external commitments and projects, I have decided that it is time to resign from the Park Board effective March 31, 2019. My last meeting will be on March 12, 2019.

Between running my own business, being in the process of writing several books and embarking on a huge undertaking with the Silver Lake Historical Society (full inventory of our collections), I will not be able to give the full commitment of time needed to adequately perform my duties. I will leave the Park Board in capable hands. Beth Schlupe will take my place as Tree Committee Chairman... she is very capable, smart and energetic and will do a fantastic job. She has completed Alan Siewert's Tree program, so she is trained and knowledgeable. In the Service Department, Ben has done a fantastic job with the tree program, with maintenance and developing annual tree planting plans and will continue with those duties.

As discussed at the last Park Board meeting, where I informed the Park Board of my intentions, I will remain on the Shade Tree Commission where I will help with the annual tree inventory updates and any special projects or needs that may arise from time to time. It has been my pleasure to serve the Village in this capacity.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Robert E. Zimmermann

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**THE BEST TIME TO PLANT A TREE IS 20 YEARS AGO. THE NEXT BEST TIME IS TODAY.**