

# Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

## MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September, 13, 2011 @ 7 pm

At Home of Tom and Joyce Germscheid

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tom Germscheid called the meeting order at 7 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Chair Tom Germscheid took the roll call. A Quorum was present.

Present:	Tom Germscheid	Absent:	Jeff Swan
	Paul Anderson		Paul Swan
	Mary Anderson		John Ruppel
	Dave Liukon		

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<i>Others Present:</i>	Jason Zeimer	Paul Nichols
	Eileen Armitage	Bonnie Nichols
	Bob Bruton	John Muller
	Kristen Rieser	

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

*On motion by Board member Mary Anderson, seconded by Board member Paul Anderson, with all present voting aye, motion carried to approve the agenda as submitted.*

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

*On motion by Board member Paul Anderson, seconded by Board member Mary Anderson, with all present voting aye, motion carried to approve the minutes of the meeting from July 12, 2011 as submitted.*

### PUBLIC FORUM

None

### APPOINTMENT TO BOARD

Tom read a note from John Ruppel resigning from the Board and recommending that Jason Zeimer fill the remainder of his term. *On motion by Board member Ruppel, seconded by board member Mary Anderson, with all present voting aye, motion carried to appointment Jason Zeimer to carry out the remainder of John Ruppels term.*

### REPORTS:

#### A. President

- a. DNR inspection of 8/5/11—no chance for whole lake treatment in 2012 or until native vegetation returns to acceptable levels. Handed out the graph of weed levels handed out by DNR representative at inspection.
  - i. VBWD meetings and discussions with other VBWD lake associations Long Lake and Demontraville/Olson-later in Agenda
  - ii. Options for 2011/2012 weed treatment and water quality –Later in Agenda
  - iii. Newsletter. Indicated member Kristen Rieser will help do minutes for today's meeting in absence of Secretary, and will work on the newsletter of more "reader friendly" periodic newsletter to members.
  - iv. Status of weed control and storm inlet and shore water inlet sources and diversion or filtering-discussion later in Agenda
  - v. Feasibility, cost and permitting of sediment dredging and other dredging-short discussion as a back burner item.
  - vi. Shoreline restoration (and filtering incoming water) Importance of plantings—also rocks/rip rap, etc. Reminder that several Silver Lake residents have

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gotten grant of up to \$2500 for shoreline restoration, plantings and rain gardens; spread the word

- vii. Discussed the need to set up sub-committees to address specific issues, get more people involved, and move forward with the number of items regarding the lake that need to be addressed.

### B. Vice President

- a. Had made contact with city of North St. Paul on inlets but found that unlikely anything can be done given current economy.

### C. Secretary

- a. Not Present

### D. Treasurer

- a. More members have paid. Account Balances: Checking (members): \$6,104.65; Savings (weed account) 4,651.86.
- b. Tom inquired as to why there were two accounts. Mary stated it had been that way since she was appointed Treasurer. Consideration should be given as to whether two accounts are needed or if this just adds more work to the treasurer.

### E. Other Board or Committee Members: None

## **INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS**

### 1) Weeds and Water Quality—Higher Priority by Consensus

- A. DNR whole lake application won't happen next year and until native vegetation rebounds to acceptable levels. *Tom will talk to Barr Engineering (of VBWD) to see if anything can be done to increase the native vegetation to acceptable levels, and also talk to the Lake Detective to see what cost would be to see if he could address that or other items that might help.*

- B. Tom reported on contact at VBWD meeting with Officer of Long Lake association and President of Demontreville/Olson (LDO) which are the next two/three lakes down on the chain from Silver Lake. He read email from the President of LDO that at recent VBWD meeting the Long Lake Pres reported that last year's 2-4-D whole lake week-kill was effective, but that some Eurasian Milfoil has reappeared this year. They used Barr Engineering and will continue to monitor. LDO had major algae bloom on Sept 1 but they will skip their copper treatment to save money because cold weather will naturally clear the lake. They have had an unusual amount of invasive large leaf pondweed this year but little Eurasian Milfoil is present and use the private company [www.lakeimprovementconsulting.com](http://www.lakeimprovementconsulting.com) of Stillwater.

### C. Partial Lake Treatment:

- 1) DNR "public area" treatment grants of up to \$2500 for Cities of North St. Paul (swimming beach) and Maplewood (boat landing) discussed and how that fits with our own permitting for partial lake treatment which is limited to 15% of lake. Consensus to have *Paul Anderson and Bob Bruton contact NSP to find out its plan for treating Silver Lake in 2012.*
- 2) Discussion about doing spot treatment around lakeshore owners docks for those who want to pay by the lakeshore foot. *Jason Zeimer will get quote from a company that did*

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*this before for Silver Lake called Lake Management Inc. of Marine on St. Croix who may still have records including shoreline measurements to split any payments.*

<http://www.lakemanagementinc.com> .

3) Paul Nichols will do the same with Lake Improvement Consulting, above.

4) Tom will follow up on his 9/10 email to former president Mike Manthei which requested lakeshore measurements and other helpful information from past partial lake treatments.

D. Future DNR inspection. Not until August of 2012 unless maybe before is someone applies for a permit

2) Other items – in order of priority by consensus

a) Erosion: Paul Anderson felt he was still seeing erosion on his lakeshore., but that he was taking measures to plant additional plantings for protection using the matching funds available through the Valley Creek Watershed District (information available on their web site). The VCWD believes this is one of the most effective ways in which to address erosion. Tom pointed out the plantings that were done over by the playground/picnic area a few years ago which has helped that area. Homeowners should consider this type of erosion control. Hard scape surfaces such as rock is also used, but is not considered as effective.

b) Storm water run-off: This topic was briefly mentioned in that this matter should be addressed by a sub committee moving forward – how to filter water that runs off into the lake. No action was taken. There are other homeowners in the area installing rain gardens also using funding programs available through VCWD. One is in process on Lake Blvd next to the cemetery. This program is also available on the VCWD web site.

c) No Wake/Slow Wake - Nobody promoted any no wake ordinance and all agreed to use “common sense” in boat operation at high water levels. No action. Will continue to monitor.

d) Lake level: Discussion concerning position of Valley Branch Water District (VBWD) and the lake level/weir. Discussion of high water level this year and comparison to previous levels. Dave reported all those he canvassed thought level was fine. Members reported high level this year but none promoted lowering that level. No action. Will continue to monitor.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **NEXT MEETING**

Monday 10/10/11 at 7 p.m. at the Germscheid residence (2571 Poplar Ave ).

**\*\*regular meetings changed to first Monday of the month**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Germscheid adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.