

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 10 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		Jason Ziemer
	Paul Anderson	Absent:	Paul Swan
	Mary Anderson	Absent:	Jeff Swan
	Dave Liukonen		
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<i>Others Present:</i>	Kristen Rieser		Cheryl Ettliger
	Lincoln Fletcher		

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA and MINUTES:

It was clarified that approval of the agenda and minutes by the Board was not required.

PUBLIC FORUM - none

REPORTS:

A. President – Tom Germscheid

B. Vice President – Paul Anderson

- a. Paul spoke with the City Administrator. There is concern about the water retention area by the tennis courts as there are trees growing in there. Lincoln responded that he spoke with Keith and Nate at the City of NSP who informed him that they City is having those removed.
- b. Paul and Bob Bruton did not receive an answer regarding the plan for beach treatment next year. Paul will follow up with the City.

C. Secretary

APPOINTMENT TO BOARD:

On motion by Board member Ziemer, seconded by board member Dave Liukonen, with all present voting aye, motion carried to appoint Kristen Rieser to carry out the remainder of Jeff Swans term as Secretary.

D. Treasurer – Mary Anderson

- a. Total account balance: \$10,878.72
- b. Regarding the question about two bank accounts, Mary reported that one account held funds that persons have specifically paid over and above their dues for treatment of weeds. The other account held ongoing dues receipts. It was decided that both accounts should continue to be maintained.

E. Other Board or Committee Members: None

INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS

1) Weeds and Water Quality

- A. Jason reported on his conversation with Lake Management with respect to promoting a single source weed treatment service. He confirmed that they must follow DNR guidelines regarding the maximum lake treatment not exceeding

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15%. Each homeowner would be responsible for contracting individually as was the case in years back. Jason will ask Lake Management to review their records and determine who participated in years past. The estimate was \$2.42 psf. It was felt that Mike Manthei and Jeff Swan had taken lakeshore measurements and everyone will check their records or follow up with Mike to obtain that information.

- a) Lincoln questioned how the 15% was calculated. Jason will further investigate with Lake Management. Tom will follow up with the DNR.
- B. Lincoln report on a chemical named Alom, which is a natural treatment that binds with phosphorus, keeping it from releasing. This results in the reduction of algae and helps clear up the lake. There are many variables with this treatment so the exact outcome is hard to predict. If we clear the lake, will more of the native plants grow? This is needed in order to obtain DNR permission to treat more in the future. However, the Alom does not distinguish which plants, the native or the invasive, would grow.
 - a) The SLIA will make a formal request to the VBWD asking for financial support to engage the services of the Lake Detective. SLIA would need to ask VBWD to be placed on the agenda to make the formal request.
 - b) In the absence of receiving funds from VNWD, **Board member Ziemer made the motion to approve funds to hire the Lake Detective to investigate Silver Lake, seconded by board member Luikonen, all ayes, motion carried.**
 - c) Lincoln suggested we receive a time frame for the work and also offered to review the scope of the Lake Detectives proposal and provide his input. He felt it should be determined up front what documents he would require so that the SLIA and VBWD could obtain those documents and move the process along.
- C. Lincoln also mentioned a PCA Program that is in place to try and catch impairments and treat prior to a lake becoming impaired. Silver Lake is not considered an impaired lake so this program may be a future option.
- D. Lincoln provided the following link to provide a a better explanation of the MPCA Water Quality Protection and Restoration program, and how it fits into the overall MPCA Watershed Approach for improving MN water quality. This is the program that will be worked for Silver Lake (and other waterbodies in the VBWD) beginning in the fall of 2012. Details of the work plan will be developed during the spring of 2012. <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/view-document.html?gid=3887>

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tom noted that it would be beneficial if the Board could find volunteers to serve as liaisons between the SLIA and other entities.
 - a. City of NSP: Paul Anderson
 - b. City of Maplewood: **OPEN**
 - c. City of Oakdale: **OPEN**
 - d. DNR: Tom G.
 - e. Valley Creek Watershed District: John Muller (Tom followed up post meeting that John Muller agreed to serve as the liaison between the

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Silver Lake Improvement Association and the Valley Branch Watershed
District)

NEXT MEETING

Monday 11/14/11 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.