

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

To enhance the water quality, recreational use and natural beauty of Silver Lake

MEETING MINUTES – Dec. 4, 2017

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1.	Attendance	Joyce Germscheid, Missy Lillie, Rick Gelman, John Mueller, Link Lavy (Lake Demontreville Lake Association), Pat Selter, Mark Kotz, Jason Lamer, Nick Hedlund
2.	Approve Agenda	Missy requested to add Boat Landing to the agenda.
3.	Approve Minutes from last meeting	Approved
4.	Reports:	
a.	President/Rick Gelbmann	No report
b.	Vice President/Paul Anderson	No report
c.	Secretary/Kristen Rieser	No report
d.	Treasurer / Joyce Germscheid	Balance \$1,635.81 as of 10/31/17
e.	Membership/ Joyce Germscheid	Updated email list was provided.
f.	Liaison Updates:	
	City of NSP/Paul Anderson	None
	City of Maplewood/	None
	City of Oakdale/	None
	Valley Branch Watershed District/John Muller	Next meeting is 12/14. John inquired about the status of the lake plan. Lincoln suggested John attend the meeting to discuss.
	MN DNR/	None
	Ramsey County/Rick Gelbman	Attended Aquatic Invasive Task Force meeting. Primary efforts to monitor lakes at boat launches.

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5.	Public Forum	<p>Notes from input by Link Lavy of the Lake Demontreville Lake Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Their lake association just filed for 501(c)3 status to make its dues tax deductible by referring to them as donations. Felt people were often willing to then donate more. He also noted that grants are more favorable to entities with this designation. He offered his assistance if we wish to pursue.• Their lake completed a LAKE PLAN to obtain DNR approval for treatment. The DNR will not approve any plan that requires a variance. He commented how they are asking the VBWD if they will consider treating ponds that are feeding into the lakes.• They are participating in a U of M AIS detector program, which is a volunteer program that teaches how to identify invasive species and then enter them into their system. They are also participating in the AIS Tracker program, which is the next step to monitor the lake using the programs protocols.• The send out shoreline treatment requests at the end of January for completion by mid-February since timing is so crucial for effective treatments.• Long term goal may be to get all lakes covered under the VBWD to establish one LID – lake improvement district.
6.	Business Items:	
a	Discussion with Patrick Selter from PLM	Focused on scientifically based solutions for lake treatments. 80% of revenue is generated by treating invasive species. Firm also completes shoreline management for homeowners. Currently work with about 120 lake associations, 20-30 cities and more than 500 homeowners. Prides themselves on staying on top of the latest, most effective treatments. Excellent discussion regarding plants and treatment strategy. Stressed need to begin process early. This company services Lake Demontreville.
b	Meeting with Maplewood Officials about funding support	Rick, Joyce and Kristen attended a city council meeting and shared concerns about SLIA's diminishing funds, stressing Maplewood is the biggest shoreline owner. Turned down request to be an annual budget item due to the number of lakes in Maplewood. However, they did recommend we apply for a grant through their charitable gaming fund. Will need to determine if we must become a 501(c)3 association. Staff approached the group after regarding a willingness to help where they could. They also encouraged us to approach Oakdale given the debris that comes in from their shoreline area.
c	Website options and opportunities	Jason presented some options – share web sites with one host, possibly tag onto the City of NSP's account, Facebook account, Twitter. Stated the group needs to determine its goals to determine best approach. Immediate goal is to lower monthly cost.

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d	Weir Tampering	Rick noticed weir was all the way up and water flowing out. Ramsey County had already received a complaint and came out to repair the next day. Link recommended we look into the 1007 report about taking into consideration elevations when the Army Corp of Eng established lake levels.
e	Next Steps with Valley Branch Watershed District	See above. John will follow up with the above at the next VBWD meeting.
f	Boat Landing	Missy contacted the DNR after taking their boat out of the water – got hung up on the last concrete pillar. She recommended to the DNR place a notice that the launch not be used until repaired.
8.	Next Meeting	Jan 29, 2018 – Annual Membership Meeting
9.	Adjourn	Adjourned at 9 p.m.