

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

MEETING MINUTES – April 2, 2018

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1.	Attendance	Missy Lillie, Rich Gelbmann, John Mueller, Joyce Germscheid, Paul Anderson, Kristen Rieser
2.	Approve Agenda	Added to agenda: voting for officers John made a motion that all current officers retain their same position, Joyce seconded. All ayes.
3.	Approve Minutes from last meeting	Approved
4.	Reports:	
a.	President/Rick Gelbmann	None
b.	Vice President/Paul Anderson	None
c.	Secretary/Kristen Rieser	None
d.	Treasurer / Joyce Germscheid	Balance, \$1,439.42, plus \$375 in membership fees yet to be deposited. <i>Greatly appreciate</i> those who have written checks more than the \$25 fee.
e.	Membership/ Joyce Germscheid	Joyce and Missy are working on a membership push, retaining all 2017 members and attracting more. They have successfully add a few new members located off of the lake – NICE WORK!
f.	Liaison Updates:	
	City of NSP/Paul Anderson	None
	City of Maplewood/	None. SEEKING PERSON TO SERVE AS LIASON. POSITION WOULD INVOLVE APPROXIMATELY 8 HOURS PER YEAR AND INVOLVE SEEKING PARTICIPATION AND INPUT REGARDING THEIR LAKESHORE AND SEEKING FUNDING OPTIONS. Would like to have someone follow up with Maplewood and share that both the City of NSP and Oakdale are contributing this year and ask them to do the same.
	City of Oakdale/	Joyce and Kristen attended the councils workshop meeting and presented information on the history of the lake and the efforts to maintain its quality. We received a nice note from their council and they also committed \$400 to aid in this year’s treatment, while looking for our group to secure long term funding.
	Valley Branch Watershed District/John Muller	John presented the results of the water damage survey to the VBWD. He did not receive any commitment of action from them. John was approached by another lake association who is recommending that all of the associations that are linked together with Silver Lake should align their efforts, in addition to getting the cities input as they have a stronger voice for actionable items with the VBWD.
	MN DNR/	None. SEEKING LIASON FOR THIS POSITION. INVOLVES COORDINATING THE ANNUAL TREATMENTS FOR THE LAKE
	Ramsey County Task Force/Rick Gelbmann	Rick is on a task force for invasive species for surrounding lakes. He believes our presence at these meetings is useful and may lead to future funding opportunities.
5.	Public Forum	None

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6.	Business Items:	
a	2018 Lake Treatment	Joyce and Rick met with Paul and Katie Kaari with Lake Management. They offered recommendations for an easier process to sign up for 2018 treatments. Anyone who did not pay for their treatment last year may require prepayment in order to participate. More to come.
b	Organizer for Silver Lake Park Cleanup	Sherry Long has taken over this task for many years, and we greatly appreciate her energy and efforts. She is stepping down but has graciously assembled a list of tasks for this event. We need a volunteer to ensure this event takes place. Attached to this email is the summary of the tasks and the organizers duties – if you have an interest, please reach out to a board member. WITHOUT A VOLUNTEER, THIS EVENT WILL NOT TAKE PLACE. PLEASE CONSIDER READING THE SCOPE OF THE TASK AND REACHING OUT. A TEAM OF TWO WOULD CUT THE TIME IN HALF.
c	Recruiting Volunteers for open Board Positions and other responsibilities	Joyce is adding recruiting information to the City of NSP's web site and neighborhood Facebook pages. <i>We strongly need additional individuals to pick up a small task that will only require less than 10 hours per year. Failure to do so may result in the dissolution of the SLIA.</i>
d	Funding efforts for lake treatment	Short term, we have successfully received contributions from NSP and Oakdale. We have also had some members submit checks more than the \$25 dues (thank you!). We need to investigate long term, sustainable options.
e	Registration for 501(3)(c) status	We would like to once again investigate what it would take to be set up as a 501(3)(c) corporation as that would attract further donations, which may also open options for business donations. Initial investigation indicates we would need to file taxes annually and file some additional paperwork. If anyone is aware of an attorney that may consider donating their time for this, please let the SLIA know. We will be seeking a volunteer to spearhead this singular task.
f	Water level issues	The 100-year flood elevation is 991.1 John brought the water damage surveys to the City of NSP regarding water damage. It is felt if we work with the City we will get the attention of VBWD. The goal is to get their attention, acknowledge this is an issue and help mitigate further damage. We would like the City to add a water plan to their overall plan. Rick will attend the Planning Commission meeting on Thursday to look into this further. On 5/1, there is a public hearing for the NSP comprehensive plan – support and input from the SLIA is needed. We encourage everyone to attend and take an interest in the long-term plans.

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8	Lake plan	Rick has started reading the VBWD lake plan, although he is not yet fully into the details. We need to understand what the current plan states so that we can approach them with our concerns and get their expertise as to how to bring our concerns into their long-term plan. John will be looking in the current plan as well.
8.	Next Meeting	June 4, 2018
9.	Adjourn	Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.