

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

MEETING MINUTES – October 5, 2020

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1.	Attendance via Zoom	Joyce Germscheid, Paul Nichol, Kristen Rieser, Cheryl Ettlinger, John Muller, David Liukonen
2.	Approve Agenda	Joyce made motion to approve, John second. All ayes.
3.	Approve Minutes from last meeting	Paul made motion to approve, Joyce second. All ayes.
	Electronic Actions taken	None
4.	Reports	
a.	President/Paul Nichol	Shared thoughts that we had a good summer and received many comments about the good condition of the lake.
b.	Vice President/Joyce Germscheid	Reported that she did not follow up on the Fall wine fundraiser due to the sale of Furlong liquors. Will table until for another time.
c.	Secretary/Kristen Rieser	None
d.	Treasurer / Cheryl Ettlinger	Balance as of 8/31/20 is \$5,991.48. No outstanding amounts due. Cheryl was asked to calculate how much has been received YTD in excess contributions for next meeting.
e.	Liaison Updates:	
	City of NSP/Joyce & Rick	None
	City of Maplewood/Paul	Joyce aske Paul about the charitable contribution funds; he will follow up. He will also follow up with Emily regarding the new signage.
	City of Oakdale/Open	None. Joyce will reach out with residents on the Oakdale side of the lake to see if she can find someone in that area who would represent Oakdale as liaison with the SLIA board. The stretch of land on the east/north part of Silver Lake is in the city of Oakdale.
	Valley Branch Watershed District/John & Rick	None
	MN DNR/Joyce	LIC will complete the DNR's required plant survey on the two offshore invasive plant treatment areas. SLIA appreciates their partnering with us in providing this added service. Thank you!
	Ramsey County AIS Task Force/Rick	Will ask Rick for follow up on status of the aerating operation transfer at the next meeting.
5.	Public Forum	None
6.	Business Items:	

a	Muck in bays	<p>Joyce, Rick, Mayor Furlong, Scott Dudeck (NSP City Manager), and Morgan Dawley (WSB engineering firm) met last week to look/discuss the muck in the bays. This was a meeting setup from contacts to the city over the last 2 years while road work was in process on Lake/Swan/Poplar ave. Joyce emailed many photos of the dirt from the roads draining into the bay she lives on after huge rain falls. She asked for a meeting with the city to get so answers as to what their plan was/will be to clear out all the mud in those areas where storm sewer run off put the dirt into the lake. Note that the street project did improve the sewer filtration of street debris. We are no longer seeing any mud flow into the lake after large rainfalls. Meeting was held 9/30 via zoom.</p> <p>Plan of action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue sweeping streets around the lake to reduce amount of sediment getting into the lake via storm sewers (City of NSP). Plan is to increase frequency. • Cleaning out the sump pumps – currently done yearly, but they will do now and let us know how much was extracted. Email from PW 10/5 stated they pumped 1 cubic yard of sediment out of each of new sewers that flow into the lake. Based on this info, we will be asking if they need to vacuum out more? Is it part of the city’s maintenance plan? How often? • Examine the sewer pipe on east-south bay to see if there are potential breaks to cause above ground dirt to come into the lake by inserting a camera into the pipe. There is a chip in this sewer on the outtake into the lake. Scott and Morgan will also walk the area over the pipe checking for possible faults. • Keep an eye on the muck in that same east-south bay as the muck comes up to the level of sewer pipe. Is it staying the same or growing? • Cleaning up the muck deposited over the 2-year road construction period. How? <p>Next Steps: Upon completion of the above, the City/WBS will provide a report to SLIA as to findings and action items. SLIA is requesting facts.</p> <p>Joyce will report findings and plan from received from the City/WBS once received.</p>
b.	2020 Lake treatment recap and tentative plan for 2021	<p>2020 Lake Treatment was a success. Plan to replicate in 2021, depending on the results of AIS assessments. Hopefully DNR will have the grant program next year!</p>
c.	Water levels issues	<p>Paul proposed a sub-team take on this initiative as it likely will be an ongoing problem unless significant rainfall reductions occur. Looking for a few folks in the community who have passion and/or expertise around the water level issues. Contact a board member if interested. Another option brought up was to defer responsibility to the VBWD. Paul to check with Rick on this option.</p>
d.	SLIA position descriptions	<p>No update</p>

e.	Fall Cleanup	Flyer sent out to Silver Lake Community. Paul forgot to send a reminder right before the event. Didn't see much activity or hear feedback.
f.	Purple Loose Strife	A resident volunteered to work with some Century College students to remove Purple Loose Strife from the South end of the lake. This was completed in September!
7.	Next Meeting	December 7, 2020. Tentative plan for annual meeting Jan 25, 2021.
8.	Adjourn	7:30 p.m.