

# **Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)**

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

**MEETING MINUTES** – Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 6:30 pm

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1.	<b>Attendance</b>	IN PERSON: John Muller, Cheryl Ettlinger, Paul Nichol, Joyce Germscheid, Jess Gould. <b>The Zoom link was not able to connect for this meeting.</b>
2.	<b>Approve Agenda</b>	Motion by Cheryl, John second; Approved.
3.	<b>Approve Minutes from last meeting</b>	Motion by Joyce, second John; Approved.
	<b>Electronic Actions taken</b>	None
4.	<b>Reports</b>	
a.	<b>President/Paul Nichol</b>	Paul thanked members for contributions over the past year and looks forward to sharing information about the proposed new lake treatment at the upcoming Annual Membership Meeting.
b.	<b>Vice President/Joyce Germscheid</b>	No new reports to share.
c.	<b>Secretary/Open</b>	No new reports to share.
d.	<b>Treasurer / Cheryl Ettlinger</b>	Checking balance is \$6,953.35.
e.	<b>Liaison Updates:</b>	
	<b>City of NSP/Joyce</b>	Joyce is preparing a written summary to share with city of NSP in regard to two topics: Gain initial support from the city of NSP for Fluridone treatment, due to the expected large cost (>\$15,000) and continuing the inquiry into muck/sediment in the bays. A meeting will follow.
	<b>City of Maplewood/Paul</b>	Gambling funds will not be available this year, but will apply for this funding when we are eligible for it in the future.
	<b>City of Oakdale/Open</b>	Nothing to report.
	<b>Valley Branch Watershed District/--</b>	Support/partnership with the 2023/24 fluridone treatment plan is anticipated and appreciated.
	<b>MN DNR/Joyce</b>	Applied for grant money queue, will report back in January/February.

5.	<b>Public Forum</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are saddened by the passing of David Liukonen in November 2022. Dave and his wife Pauline have been active supporters of Silver Lake over the years. We send sincere condolences to Pauline and the Liukonen family.</li> <li>• Congratulations to our neighbors, the Monge family. John Monge will begin his term as Mayor of North St. Paul in January 2023.</li> <li>• John Muller shares that he spoke with Barr Engineering about potential of clearing weeds on the south section of the lake. Attached are <a href="#">aquatic plant regulations</a> from Department of Natural Resources. The best time to remove weeds would be in June. The potential for volunteer opportunities for hand clearing weeds in that area were discussed.</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>Business Items:</b></p> <p>a. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Treatment Update – Joyce submitted the permit for our 2023 milfoil treatment. She also applied for the DNR grant funding queue. Proposal for us to skip spring treatment to conserve money for the fluridone treatment, which would result in first treatment being applied in Fall 2023. Individuals would still be able to treat shoreline. <b>ACTION ITEM:</b> Joyce will follow up with Kaaris to receive information for treatment costs. <b>ACTION ITEM:</b> Paul will receive more information to find out if fluridone effective at treating shoreline or lily pads.</p> <p>b. Cheryl moves to raise annual dues to \$50. John seconded; Board unanimously approved. <b>ACTION ITEM:</b> Paul will investigate bylaw requirements relating to dues increases.</p> <p>c. Fundraising ideas: Business support with recognition opportunities online or through public display. Potential additional raise in dues in 2023 to assist in covering additional costs for the fluridone treatment. Discussed pursuing potential partnerships with local business association for business sponsorships. Proposal to reframe city partnership requests to include 2-3 years lump sum as the fluridone treatment is anticipated to postpone the need for treatment for 2-5 years.</p> <p>d. Filling open board positions. There are currently two at-large membership seats available + an opportunity to fill the city of Oakdale liaison position. SLIA continues to fill open positions and encourages any interested parties to contact a board member for more information.</p> <p>e. City of North St. Paul Proposal: Board discussed the summary of topics and plan for this collaborative meeting. Joyce will prepare summary, aims to meet with city officials in early 2023.</p> <p>f. <b>Annual Membership Meeting: Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at City Hall, 2400 Margaret Street, North St. Paul MN 55109</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda consists of a concise presentation of current milfoil varieties, details about proposed Fluridone treatment, update on last year’s treatment, and summary of SLIA reports.</li> </ul>	
d.	Next Meeting	Monday, February 6 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.
7.	<b>Adjourn</b>	Wednesday, December 7, 2022 @ 7:20 PM