

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 10 at 6:30 pm

Location: Silver Lake Picnic Shelter

www.silverlakensp.org

1. Attendance	In attendance: Amber White, Cheryl Ettlinger, Galen Gould, Jess Gould, Kim Schwankl, Anne McComb, Paul & Barbara Swan, Rick Gelbmann, Paul & Katie Kaari
2. Approve Agenda	Motion by Cheryl; Galen second; Approved.
3. Approve minutes from April 21 meeting	Motion by Galen, Cheryl second; Approved.
4. Reports	
a) President: Amber White	All updates will be discussed during Business Items.
b) VP/Membership: Galen Gould	Created a new gmail account as we are currently locked out of the original email. This account may be used to upload minutes, notes, and other records from one account which is accessible to all Board members. Pending website updates, currently working with Jason to transfer the private site to a more accessible domain and platform.
c) Secretary: Jess Gould	No updates.
d) Treasurer: Cheryl Ettlinger	Current Balance: \$12,990.13.
e) Liaison Updates:	
i) City of NSP - Leigh Anderson (not present)	No updates.
ii) City of Maplewood - Galen Gould	Meeting scheduled with the head of Parks & Rec. Will ask about boat launch repairs and plan for checking motors/boats for invasives.
iii) City of Oakdale - Anne McComb	Goal of connecting with Oakdale leadership for ongoing partnership. (Member concerns re: Oakdale include discussion of upcoming road project and how to proactively avoid contaminating the lake)
iv) Valley Branch - Rick Gelbmann	Continuing to work on future plans and priorities for the new 10 year plan. Reducing Chloride (salt) pollution has been added as a priority. Reminder to SLIA members that grant funding opportunities are available for rain gardens, see www.vbwd.org for more info. Meg Rattei will be available to

	answer any questions re: algae and other lake-related concerns.
v) MN DNR - Amber White	No updates.
5. Public Forum	SLIA received two emails re: concerns about springtime algae blooms in the lake. (see discussion below)
6. Business Items	
a) Treatment Plan	Shoreline treatments for private residents and city properties are complete. This treatment will also have an impact on algae blooms. Optional second treatment will be issued near July 4. Paul K. suggests that the city may be able to fund an additional treatment if prompted, but only one treatment (already completed) is scheduled for city property.
b) Spring Cleanup	We hosted a successful spring clean up with over a dozen participants throughout the morning. Thanks to the Parks & Recreation Commission for organizing the Community Parks Clean-Up Day.
c) Water Level Monitoring	Amber is monitoring lake levels. Recommended to ask Meg Raati what is being monitored/tested; discuss phosphorus & other levels to monitor.
d) Website update	Galen and Jason are working on transferring the site to a more user-friendly location. Will report back once the domain/site host is updated.
e) Mac's Update	Per Leigh: \$371 was donated to SLIA from the Mac's Diner Give-Back fundraiser. Thanks to Mac's for the generous support!
f) Algae Discussion	Paul & Katie Kaari of Lake Improvement Consulting provided insight re: springtime algae blooms. Increased algae is observed in all local lakes, conditions from winter + current weather, and space to grow has created perfect conditions for algae blooms. The shoreline treatments appear to have lessened the algae and includes chemicals to combat algae. General info: Algae creates oxygen that causes it to float up to the surface, rain will make it appear to decrease but it simply causes it to sink below. Removal options include physically removing algae by cutting/raking (please dispose of in your compost bin, do NOT place on the shore) or chemical treatments. Should also be lessened with increased recreational activity. At this time, SLIA declined chemical intervention and we will monitor lake levels/conditions.
7. Next Meeting:	Thursday, August 7, 6:30PM - Silver Lake Picnic Shelter

8. Adjourn:

Meeting is adjourned at 7:50 PM