

Silver Lake Improvement Association

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

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 7th

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm

Location: Silver Lake Picnic Shelter

Attendance: Paul Swan, Rick Gelbmann, Anne McComb, Amber White, Galen Gould, John Muller

Agenda approval: Motion to approve by Paul, second by Galen

June 10 meeting minutes approval: Motion by Paul, second by Galen

1. Reports:

- a) President (Amber White): Attended National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5th. Was nice event at the park, great way to connect with everyone.
- b) VP/Membership (Galen Gould)- No updates.
- c) Secretary: (Jess Gould)- Not in attendance, no updates sent.
- d) Treasurer: (Cheryl Ettlinger)- Not in attendance, no updates sent.
- e) Liaison Updates:
 - i. City of NSP: (Leigh Anderson)- Not in attendance, no updates sent.
 - ii. City of Maplewood: (Galen Gould)- Maplewood rep meeting had to be rescheduled, and Galen has been out of town so has not met yet.
 - iii. City of Oakdale: (Anne McComb): No updates, asked for comments to take to Oakdale. Oakdale has road to service aerator, has been chained off recently to prevent cars from driving down there.
 - iv. Valley Branch: (Rick Gelbmann): Zebra mussel larvae have spread from Long Lake down into Olson and DeMontreville. We (Silver) are upstream and haven't had any experience with zebra mussels yet. We need to check our docks and look for mussels and larvae. Suggestion to talk to Maplewood about having a drainage area that is not connected to the lake. [See also this link for more information](#) about zebra mussels in DeMontreville.
 - v. MN DNR: (Amber White): No updates.

2. Public Forum: Open Floor

- a. What is the plant that is poking above the water? A previously unseen plant has been noticed by Paul and John, suspects it is [Swamp smartweed](#). Amber will follow up with Meg about plant survey to see what plants were identified.
- b. Purple loosestrife potentially growing along the shore of beach, need to follow up with Paul and Katie Kaari to see if we can do anything about it.

3. Business Items

- a. No-Wake Recap:
 - We had a period of No-Wake during the first week of July. As a reminder, during a No-Wake boaters should use the slowest possible speed to maintain steerage, but no greater than 5 mph to protect shoreline from erosion and damage.
 - An SLIA member received an anonymous letter reminding them that they should not be operating at high speeds and water skiing during the no wake. However, this member does not own the sporting equipment in question. Please be respectful of the no-wake ordinances when they are issued because they are only temporary.
- b. Results of June 2025 Plant Survey

- Point intercept survey was conducted mid-June by ERS in conjunction with the Valley Branch Watershed District. The survey found **no** watermilfoil (Hybrid or Eurasian watermilfoil) and one spot of Curly Leaf-Pondweed that had dead/dying stems.
- c. Fall Clean-Up: Leigh Anderson has been organizing, will follow up outside of the meeting.
- d. Fall Round-Up Parade: Thursday, September 18, 2025
 - Support from board to participate again. Amber will reach out to organizers from last year about our continued participation.
- 4. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 16th, 2025, location: Anne McComb's House.
 - a. Anne McComb 2813 Division (Highway 120), can park in driveway (4 cars only) or at the church across the street.
- 5. Adjourn: motion to adjourn 6:58pm, by Galen, Paul second.