

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

Meeting Minutes - Thursday, October 23, 2025 @ 6:30PM; McComb House

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1.	Attendance	IN PERSON: Jess & Galen Gould, Anne McComb, Kim & Jim Schwankl, Paul & Barbara Swan, Amber White
2.	Approve Agenda	Motion by Kim, Paul second, Approved.
3.	Approve Minutes from last meeting	Motion by Paul, Galen second, Approved.
4.	Reports	
a.	President: Amber White	● Past President Paul N. has SLIA annual tax registration (Due Dec. 31); Amber will update and submit registration and should be the email contact for this moving forward. Action Item: Submit tax form before end of this year, update email. ● Meg Raati (Barr Engineering) reports that local lakes will continue to be monitored for zebra mussels. Currently, Silver Lake is free of them, unlike all other lakes in the VBWD. ● Zebra mussels have been detected in a number of water bodies near Silver Lake, including Long Lake, Lake DeMontreville, Lake Olson, Lake Jane, and Lake Elmo, White Bear Lake, and McCarrons Lake. ● 2025 monitoring did not detect Zebra mussels in Silver Lake, which means it's imperative we do what we can to prevent the spread of Zebra mussels into Silver Lake. ● Most importantly any boats or recreational equipment that moves from an infested water body into ours could cause an infestation. Action Item: Contact Meg re: issuing statement to city contacts re: zebra mussels. Action Item: Draft/send email to SLIA mailing list to remind residents to thoroughly clean off boats, explain zebra mussel situation, emphasize that Silver Lake does not have them yet.
b.	Vice President: Galen Gould	● After looking into website transfer, no free/easy options to host. Seemingly the best decision is to continue to host with assistance from Jason Lehmer. (Thanks Jason for your help with posting minutes and keeping the site updated!)
c.	Secretary: Jess Gould	● Currently have FB as social media, will look at membership on there + aim to increase social media presence. Removed some spam posts on FB and added a question for those adding to the

		group.
d.	Treasurer: Cheryl Ettlinger	Not present, but emailed updates: • Current balance is \$12,832.52. • We paid \$420.75 to Big Frog for shirts (will reuse for future events) • \$377.74 reimburse for candy - parade to Rebecca Lehmer. • Check deposited from Mac's fundraiser \$270.48.
g.	Liaison Updates:	
	City of NSP: Leigh Anderson	• Not present, no updates.
	City of Maplewood: Galen Gould	• Difficulty in reaching Audra, will continue to try to make contact. Need to discuss boat launch/access point for zebra mussel contamination. Washing station?
	City of Oakdale: Anne McComb	• No updates.
	Valley Branch Watershed District (VBWD): Rick Gelbmann	• Not present, updates re: zebra mussels provided by Amber.
	MN DNR: Amber White	• DNR is in the process of training sniffer dogs to identify zebra mussels. Silver Lake was considered as a training site, but will not be a likely candidate.
	Ramsey Co. AIS Task Force: Rick Gelbmann	• Not present, no updates. Possible to remove AIS task force on future agenda/meetings until AIS issues return.
5.	Public Forum	• Sanburg/Hedburg property will possibly be up for sale in the coming months.
6.	Business Items:	
a.	Fall Cleanup Planning	• Leigh has coordinated this in the past, will check in with her. Action Item: Follow up with Leigh re: fall cleanup. Are HS Students planning to volunteer this year, if so, what date/how can we help?
b.	Mac's Event Recap	• Total donation for most recent fundraiser was approx. \$270. • Big thanks to Mac's for their help and support! Will schedule another fundraiser later in 2026.
c.	Fall Round-Up Parade	• SLIA t-shirts were made, will be wrangled back for use in future years. Candy purchase + flyers printed and distributed. Event was shut down early due to rain. • Thanks to Lehmer fam for their continued help! Action Item: Set reminder to submit parade application for 2026. Registration begins around August?
d.	Results of Summer Plant Survey	• No formal results provided, but invasive hybrid milfoil was not

		found. Action Item: Amber will follow up with Meg re: results and will inquire what future surveys are scheduled, frequency of monitoring Silver Lake by Ramsey County/VBWD/Barr.
7.	Next Meeting	Tuesday, December 9, 2025; Location TBD; 6:30PM
7.	Adjourn	Thursday, October 23, 2025 @ 7:20PM