

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, December 9, 2025 @ 6:30PM; McComb House

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1.	Attendance	IN PERSON: Jess Gould, Anne McComb, Amber White, Rick Gelmann, Cheryl Ettlinger, Ghillie the wonderdog.
2.	Approve Agenda	Motion by Amber, Anne second, Approved.
3.	Approve Minutes from last meeting	Motion by Jess, Amber second, Approved.
4.	Reports	
a.	President: Amber White	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updated re: DNR grant, VBWD meeting, and zebra mussels (see related business items below)
b.	Vice President: Galen Gould	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not present, no updates.
c.	Secretary: Jess Gould	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No updates
d.	Treasurer: Cheryl Ettlinger	Current balance: \$12,857
g.	Liaison Updates:	
3	City of NSP: Leigh Anderson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not present, no updates.
	City of Maplewood: Galen Gould	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not present, no updates. Action Item: Need to discuss boat launch repairs/concern re: access point for zebra mussel contamination.
	City of Oakdale: Anne McComb	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No updates.
	Valley Branch Watershed District (VBWD): Rick Gelmann	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visit vbwd.org to view the 2025 Results of 2025 Point-Intercept Aquatic Plant Surveys• The 10-year plan should be published soon. Exciting updates include making the information more accessible/navigable for users! Check the VBWD site, should be posted in the near future.
	MN DNR: Amber White	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant paperwork was submitted, funding for 2026 requested.
	Ramsey Co. AIS Task Force: Rick Gelmann	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No updates. REMOVE THIS LINE ITEM for next agenda, please.

5.	Public Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandburg / Hedland property (2825 Division Street North) will possibly be up for sale in the coming months – currently working through the probate process. • Suggestion to make Silver Lake a paddle-only location for visitors, residents grandfathered in for motor use - to discourage contamination from invasives
6.	Business Items:	
a.	Planning Annual Meeting (2026)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting will be in February at City Hall; local city leaders will be invited to attend. <p>Action Item: Follow up with Leigh re: scheduling</p>
b.	Results of Summer Plant Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM)/Hybrid Watermilfoil (HWM): Silver Lake, Lake DeMontreville, and Lake Olson—not observed)due to successful prior treatments • Curly-Leaf Pondweed Results: Silver Lake, Lake DeMontreville, and Lake Olson— not observed due to successful prior treatments • Other Invasive Plants: Reed canary grass (Lake associations are encouraged to remove it); Narrow-leaved cattail (Found in Silver Lake - monitoring advised); Yellow iris (Found in Silver Lake - Homeowners are encouraged to remove it) • Link to report: https://cms6.revize.com/revize/vbwd/education/aquatic_plant_management/docs/2025%20Plants%20Results.pdf?t=202511181148080&t=202511181148080
c.	Zebra Mussel Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All lakes downstream from Silver Lake tested positive for zebra mussel larvae, called veligers. https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/aquaticanimals/zebramussel/index.html • Silver Lake tested negative for both zebra mussels and veligers at this time. • Amber advocated for Silver Lake to be included in local research as a control group for WA Co.'s conservation monitoring of the situation. https://www.mnwcd.org/ais • Ramsey County is also inspecting the # of veligers present in local lakes. • Our primary concern is to advocate for any users of Silver Lake to protect our water source from contamination.

	<p>Per the MN DNR, whether or not a lake has any invasive species, Minnesota law requires people to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean watercraft, trailers and equipment to remove aquatic plants and prohibited invasive species. • Drain all water and leave drain plugs out during transport. • Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash. • Never release bait, plants or aquarium pets into Minnesota waters. • Dry docks, lifts and rafts for 21 days before moving them from one waterbody to another. <p>These additional steps reduce the risk of spreading aquatic invasive species:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decontaminate watercraft and equipment – find free stations on the courtesy decontamination page of the DNR website. • Spray watercraft and equipment with high-pressure water or rinse with water if high-pressure water is not available. • Dry watercraft and equipment for at least five days before using in another waterbody. <p>People should contact a Minnesota DNR aquatic invasive species specialist if they think they have found zebra mussels or any other invasive species that was not already known to be in the waterbody.</p> <p>More information is available on the aquatic invasive species page of the DNR website.</p>
7.	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 6:30 PM</p> <p>Location: North Saint Paul City Hall - Sandberg Room</p> <p>2400 Margaret St N, North St Paul, MN 55109</p>
7.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Tuesday, December 9, 2025 @ 7:35PM</p>