

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 14th at 6:30 pm

Location: 2579 Poplar Ave

www.silverlakensp.org

1. Attendance	In attendance: Amber White, Cheryl Ettlinger, Galen & Jess Gould, Kim & Jim Schwankl, Rick Gelbmann, Leigh Anderson
2. Approve Agenda	Approved, Jess moved, Galen seconds.
3. Approve Minutes from Annual Meeting, held February 17, 2026	Approved, Galen moved, Leigh seconds.
4. Reports	
a) President: Amber White	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taxes have been filed• Update on Ramsey County monitoring (8 sessions from May - Oct, see attachment) July is velliger sample<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ eDNA Sample?
b) VP/Membership: Galen Gould	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No updates
c) Secretary: Jess Gould	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online registration for SLIA membership live• Working with Jason on website updates & Amber will send info re: zebra mussels & past 2 years of treatment notes to add• Due date for shoreline treatment is April 30th (paperwork sent, will send a reminder around 4/27)• Jess can provide tax exemption letters for any donations
d) Treasurer: Cheryl Ettlinger	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently \$13307.52 in checking• Approx. \$525 in PayPal from memberships
e) Liaison Updates:	
i) City of NSP - Leigh Anderson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSP Citywide Clean-Up Day is Saturday, May 9th, 2026 - Note there are fees for drop off this year: https://www.northstpaul.org/1345/Citywide-Clean-Up-Day

ii) City of Maplewood - Galen Gould	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall clean up with Century College students scheduled through city • Wildflower mix sprinkled on natural areas of Maplewood property • Plans to add boat clean up kit at boat launch to prevent contamination/zebra mussels
iii) City of Oakdale - Anne McComb (not present)	N/A
iv) Valley Branch - Rick Gelbmann	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report is live! https://www.vbwd.org/reports/water_quality/index.php
v) MN DNR - Amber White	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLIA was not awarded a grant this year
5. Public Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question about aerator and if it's on/why it's off: Per Rick, RC tests for conditions, when oxygen levels are low, the aerator goes on. It is currently operational but will not be on unless increased aeration is needed.
6. Business Items	
a) Annual Meeting Recap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice in/out award - let's discuss what the criteria is and aim to launch for ice in 2026.
b) Spring Clean-up- May 16th	<p>Join us for a Community Parks Clean-Up Day and help keep North St. Paul's parks beautiful! The Parks & Recreation Commission organizes this event, and it is a great way to give back to your community.</p> <p>DATE: Saturday, May 16th, 2026 TIME: 10 AM – 12 PM</p> <p>Clean-Up Locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Ecology Center (along South Ave) (2240 6th St N)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Postal Credit Union Pond (along 11th Ave, next to Subway) ● McKnight Fields (2310 10th Ave E) ● Silver Lake Park NSP/Silver Lake Improvement Association collaboration (2601 19th Ave E)
c) Spring Mac's Fundraiser- May 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No door-to-door distribution this year, please share the attached file with friends & neighbors! ● Thanks to the City of NSP & the Andersons for printing flyers
d) 2026 Shoreline Treatments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Forms were emailed out to lakeshore residents on April 15 by Jess; due date for forms to be received by Amber is April 30. Reminder included in minutes email.
e) Website Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Big thanks to Jason Lehmer for continued management of the SLIA website ● Updated site is in the works ● Need some updated info re: treatment summaries and zebra mussel warning ASAP
7. Next Meeting:	Tuesday, June 9, 2026 - 6:30PM - location TBD
8. Adjourn:	Meeting adjourned at 7:23PM