

## Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

### MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, August 11 @ 6:30PM**

**Location: Anderson's House**

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| <b>1. Attendance</b>                                       |  | In attendance: Leigh Anderson, Amber White, Anne McComb, Galen & Jess Gould, John Muller, Katie & Paul Kaari, Rick Gelbmann, Kim Schwankl |
| <b>2. Approve Agenda</b>                                   |  | Approved, Galen moved, John seconds.                                                                                                      |
| <b>3. Approve Minutes from Annual Meeting, held June 9</b> |  | Approved, Leigh moved, Galen seconds.                                                                                                     |
| <b>4. Reports</b>                                          |  |                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>a) President: Amber White</b>                           |  | Updates on plant survey, zebra mussels, and parade: see below! Sent in updates re: AIS & zebra mussels to Jess & Galen.                   |
| <b>b) VP/Membership: Galen Gould</b>                       |  | Galen forwarded information to be added to the new website; Galen will reach out to finalize the new page with Jason.                     |
| <b>c) Secretary: Jess Gould</b>                            |  | No updates                                                                                                                                |
| <b>d) Treasurer: Cheryl Ettlinger (via text)</b>           |  | Balance \$14,983.07 - Parade registration is paid for.                                                                                    |
| <b>e) Liaison Updates:</b>                                 |  |                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>i) City of NSP - Leigh Anderson</b>                     |  | Mac's Giveback / Round Up Parade on the schedule                                                                                          |
| <b>ii) City of</b>                                         |  | No updates. Action item for Galen:                                                                                                        |

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| <b>Maplewood -<br/>Galen Gould</b>                    |  | Are we able to be a part of the Maplewood pull tab fundraisers?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>iii) City of<br/>Oakdale -<br/>Anne<br/>McComb</b> |  | No updates. Action item for Anne: Check in with the City of Oakdale re: construction/establish connections of best contact for future plans.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>iv) Valley<br/>Branch - Rick<br/>Gelbmann</b>      |  | No updates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>v) MN DNR -<br/>Amber White</b>                    |  | No updates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>5. Public Forum</b>                                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email request for some meetings to be held on Thursdays instead of Tuesdays to allow neighbors with Tuesday conflicts to attend. Action item: Designate SLIA meeting schedule. Currently selected two months as Thursday options: Holiday party: December 3rd or 10th 2026 / Avoid NNO/Primary elections: August 5th or 12th 2027.</li> <li>• Resident comment: Love to suggest making our lake a catch and release only. At least until we get more sizable fish in the lake. Is this something we could ask the DNR or the city? Action Item: Amber will ask re: size restrictions, etc. to see what we can do about that.</li> <li>• Re: upcoming construction; is there any support from MDOT or state to help mitigate negative impacts from construction? Also</li> </ul> |

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|                                             |  | mentioned 3M grant opportunities. Action item: Amber will look into possible grant opportunities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>6. Business Items</b>                    |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>a) Results of June 2026 Plant Survey</b> |  | In the most recent June 2026 survey, 10 locations had a rating of 1 with hybrid milfoil found in Silver Lake. Areas are mainly by the boat launch, fishing pier, cove near the beach, and highway (mainly shallow areas). Meg at Barr came up with a plan to do spot treatments; proposed treatment cost exceeds \$14K so we will need to assess options and come up with more feasible solutions over the long term.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>b) Lake Treatments:</b>                  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Channel clearing from late June treatment (9 houses / 6 have motorboats) - Action item: Amber to write letter requesting partial payment to homeowners. \$100 per household proposed.</li> <li>• Possible ProcellaCOR spot treatments</li> <li>• DeMontreville/Olson/Jane possible spot treatments already attempted - something to look at?</li> <li>• Current plans/possible option: Recommended to request a meandering point intercept assessment late spring 2027 and do high density spot treatment in early June to the larger areas. Reaccess the depths in some of the areas (it</li> </ul> |

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|                                            |  | <p>seems to be deeper than our understanding of the lake on the June 2026 current survey)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note: Purple loosestrife near the old pump house. Yellow irises also reported along the beach area and boat launch. Ask for coverage of spot treatments + invasive areas to be included in future treatments or add this as a late summer treatment possibility.</li> <li>• Action item: Board Members to schedule a follow up meeting for Aug/Sept to discuss further. As this topic requires more planning and conversation, we will plan to have an extra meeting to discuss an action plan between now and October. Solidify a plan, clarify options and format/schedule proposals to the cities involved.</li> </ul> |
| <b>c) Update re: zebra mussel sampling</b> |  | <p>Note: Silver Lake was not selected to be part of pilot UMN AIS sampling.</p> <p>Action item: Amber will try to get another sample taken for the coming months. Possibly get passive sampling stations installed in the lake (not sure how to build/buy them but will ask Meg about it).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>d) Fall Clean-Up: TBD</b>               |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| <b>e) Fall Mac's fundraiser: October 19th, 2026</b>                |  | Flyers will be distributed at the Fall Round-Up Parade.                          |
| <b>f) Fall Round-Up Parade: Thursday, September 17, 2026 6-9pm</b> |  | Lehmer family volunteered to help; we are registered and ready with SLIA shirts! |
| <b>7. Next Meeting:</b>                                            |  | Tuesday, October 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 - 6:30PM TBD                             |
| <b>8. Adjourn:</b>                                                 |  | Meeting adjourned at 7:53PM                                                      |