

## The Silver Lake Improvement Association

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Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2010

The Silver Lake Improvement Association's (SLIA) meeting was held at the home of Mike and Cathy Manthei. SLIA hereby expresses its appreciation for the use of their home for its meeting.

### In Attendance:

Mike Manthei

Jeff Swan

Paul Swan

### Old Business:

- Minutes for SLIA's meeting on 9-14-10 could not be approved because a quorum was not present during this meeting
- During 2010, the DNR found that increased Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curley Leaf Pondweed.
- During 2010, Secchi disk depth measurements indicated decreased water clarity.
- During 2010, decreased fish populations were reported, but could not be confirmed.
- Lake wide treatment of invasive weeds was not conducted in 2010.
- The DNR has indicated that they will not allow lake wide treatment of invasive weeds in 2011.

### New Business:

- It was noted that many of the controlling governmental organizations (e.g., Minnesota DNR) have limited definitions of water quality that do not include swimming, boating and fishing, and that there is no comprehensive management plan for Silver Lake.
- It was noted that the recreational use of Silver Lake should be managed by an organization that has the resources to carry out management plans without depending on the volunteered resources of the DNR, multiple municipalities and other independent organizations.
- It was agreed, although without a quorum, that the next step should be to contact the Valley Branch Watershed District, and encourage them to complete and include in their Lake Management Plan, a definition of water quality that includes swimming, boating and fishing.

### Next Meeting:

The next meeting is planned for Tuesday, 12-8-10 from 7:00 to 8:30pm at the home of Mike and Cathy Manthei. The agenda will include:

1. Invasive weeds in Silver Lake
2. Valley Branch Watershed District's Lake Management Plan
3. Storm sewer inlets to Silver Lake