

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

MEETING MINUTES – April 1, 2013

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1.	Attendance	Mark Kotz, Paul Anderson, Mary Anderson, John Muller, Jason Ziemer, Joyce Germscheid, Kristen Rieser
2.	Approve Agenda	Approved
3.	Approve Minutes from last meeting	Approved. Minor changes were made to online copy.
4.	Reports:	
a.	President/Mark Kotz	No report
b.	Vice President/Paul Anderson	Spoke to City of NSP to encourage them to treat the SW area of the lake this summer. Remains under discussion.
c.	Secretary/Kristen Rieser	No report.
d.	Treasurer/Mary Anderson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 paid memberships for 2013. • Two shoreline owners from the 2012 treatment have not yet paid. General funds have been used to cover their treatment until reimbursement is made.
e.	Membership/Joyce Germscheid	Joyce will maintain the updated membership list moving forward.
f.	Liaison Updates:	
	City of NSP/Paul Anderson	Paul expressed that the City appears to be committed to working with the VBWD regarding water matters. See VBWD.
	City of Maplewood/Anne McComb	No report.
	City of Oakdale/Nick Hedlund	No report.
	Valley Branch Watershed District/John Muller	<p>John attended the VBWD meeting. Representatives from NSP were also present to discuss the bio retention basin, Silver Lake's east shoreline project, vegetative buffers, and the Best Management Practices cost share program. NSP expressed they are committed to ensure the bio retention basin functions well, does not interfere with the NSP's storm sewer system or cause street flooding, that it is maintained, and that it is aesthetically pleasing.</p> <p>To further improve communication between NSP and VBWD, a member of VBWD, along with John Muller as representative of the SLIA, will be attending NSP's quarterly Environmental Commission.</p>
	MN DNR/Jason Ziemer	See Spring Treatment
	Ramsey County/Mark Kotz	No report.
5.	Public Forum	None.
6.	Business Items:	

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a.	Election of Officers	By acclamation, all officers have been reelected to their position.
b.	Spring Treatment/Jason Ziemer	<p>The DNR has approved off shore treatment of 10 acres. Grants have been reduced this year due to the higher volume of requests. SLIA will be submitting a grant request in the amount of \$1500, the maximum available, to help defray costs of off-shore treatment.</p> <p>Lake Management has provided some options for targeting Eurasian watermilfoil and/or curlyleaf. The Board is pursuing treatment of both. Jason will be presenting these options to the DNR, who will have the final say in what we may treat along with the targeted areas. The goal is that once the ice is free, a point intercept will be completed. It is the goal to have everything ready in preparation of optimum treatment timing.</p> <p>Motion was made and seconded to approve up to \$3030 for the spring off-shore lake treatment. Final amount to be determined based on DNR recommendation of treatment, location and depth. All ayes. Motion approved.</p> <p>Treatment of algae was discussed, specifically the use of Alum versus Copper Sulfate. John explained the VBWD thoughts on Alum. While it is often an excellent treatment for algae, this chemical needs to spread across the bottom of the lake and create a type of film in order for it to be effective. However, due to the shallowness of Silver Lake, they determined the chemical would be disrupted, not allowing itself to create the film and therefore be ineffective. Copper Sulfate appears to be the best option for Silver Lake for the treatment of algae. This will be discussed at the June meeting as timing of this treatment is often mid-summer.</p>
c.	Annual picnic/cleanup	This year's annual cleanup/picnic will once again be held on Earth Day, Saturday, April 20 in conjunction with the Neighborhood Watch group. Sherry Long has agreed to take the lead on this event. Joyce will create an information flyer to send out. All members and friends are encouraged to show up and assist - whether for one hour or all morning. Every bit helps. This clean up goes a long way in bringing community spirit and lake pride to Silver Lake. Please consider participating – it's also a great way to get kids involved.
7.	Next Meeting	June 3, 2013
8.	Adjourn	Approximately 7:45 p.m.