

## Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

**MEETING MINUTES – October 6, 2014**

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	Mark Kotz, John Mueller, Mary Anderson, Paul Anderson, Jason Ziemer, Kristen Rieser, Paul Kaari, Katy Karri
<b>2.</b>	<b>Approve Agenda</b>	Approved
<b>3.</b>	<b>Approve Minutes from last meeting</b>	Approved
<b>4.</b>	<b>Electronic Actions since Last Meeting</b>	None
<b>5.</b>	<b>Reports:</b>	
<b>a.</b>	<b>President/Mark Kotz</b>	No report
<b>b.</b>	<b>Vice President/Paul Anderson</b>	No report
<b>c.</b>	<b>Secretary/Kristen Rieser</b>	No report
<b>d.</b>	<b>Treasurer/Mary Anderson</b>	Balance is \$6440.44 No amounts owing. Waiting for DNR grant of \$1000.
<b>e.</b>	<b>Membership/Joyce Germscheid</b>	No report
<b>f.</b>	<b>Liaison Updates:</b>	
	City of NSP/Paul Anderson	Bio retention pond corrections have been proposed, but the issue of financial responsibility needs to be determined before proceeding. The estimated cost, which includes some street improvements in the area related to the pond, is about \$140k. VBWD has committed \$31k, and the City of NSP does not have the balance of funds available. They are looking at expanding the project scope to incorporate more rain gardens to improve drainage to the lake in other areas. This may open up the option to pursue other grant monies.
	City of Maplewood/Anne McComb	No report
	City of Oakdale	No report
	Valley Branch Watershed District/John Muller	VBWD met with the technical stakeholders and a Silver Lake Management Plan was discussed, but SLIA has not yet been privy to the outcome. More follow up will be done on this.
	MN DNR/Jason Ziemer	No report
	Ramsey County/Mark Kotz	No report
<b>6.</b>	<b>Public Forum</b>	Kristen suggested adding Boat Winterization and Storage ideas/contacts/tips on the web page; possibly investigating group discounts. Will consider next year.

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7.	<b>Business Items:</b>	
a.	Invasive Weeds Treatment	<p><b>This year's results:</b></p> <p>The group discussed the challenges and frustrations of trying to treat effectively for invasives this year. Unlike last year when we were able to detect invasives early and treat when the water temps are lower (to limit the effect on natives), this year we sampled twice in the spring and were unable to detect natives. They then grew rapidly once the water warmed up.</p> <p>Our proposed treatment are which included the bays was not approved by DNR. They removed the bays and limited the shoreline treatment due to the presence of lilies. Our treatment of shoreline areas does not appear to have been effective. Consultant Paul Kaari said that Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) treatment tends to be more effective in large areas and less effective in long strings like we did this year. This may partially explain the poor results.</p> <p><b>Strategies for next year:</b></p> <p>Jason has been in contact with DNR to pitch the idea of getting pre-approved to treat this year's <u>proposed</u> areas (including the bays) next spring. DNR is open to discussion this further, which we will do in December. Under this scenario we would sample just the proposed treatment areas early in the spring and keep sampling every week or two until invasives are present. Hopefully this would happen in early spring like in 2013. Then we would treat the bays.</p> <p>Separately, we could work with shoreline owners to streamline and coordinate the process to allow them to get their shorelines treated if they want that done.</p> <p>The Board also discussed working more closely with the watershed district as the results of their lake assessment work are made available.</p> <p>Paul Kaari suggested considering the idea of focusing beyond just vegetation management to lake management, looking at water quality as well. This is part of the watershed district study. Mark had previously asked the watershed district for help with a lake management plan and is awaiting a response.</p>
7.	<b>Next Meeting</b>	December 1, 2014
8.	<b>Adjourn</b>	8 p.m.