

## Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

**MEETING MINUTES – December 1, 2014**

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	Mark Kotz, John Mueller, Mary Anderson, Paul Anderson, Jason Ziemer, Kristen Rieser, Joyce Germscheid, Rick Gelbmann
<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 \$7292.57. No outstanding AP.
<b>e.</b>	<b>Membership/Joyce Germscheid</b>	No new members. Will be reaching out to the new neighbors and encouraging them to join SLIA and to attend February's Annual Meeting.
<b>f.</b>	<b>Liaison Updates:</b>	
	City of NSP/Paul Anderson	NSP has determined they will need to take action on correcting the bio retention pond with or without participation of VBWD or receiving a grant for funding. No time frame was set.
	City of Maplewood/Anne McComb	No report.
	City of Oakdale	No report.
	Valley Branch Watershed District/John Muller	John attended a meeting that pertained to the 3 Lake Elmo lakes. It appears they will each be doing a full lake treatment in the Spring. The Board discussed their approach and what we could learn from it. Barr Engineering, who worked with the other lakes, is conducting a study for Silver Lake and making a recommendation as to future treatment plans. This is being funded by VBWD.
	MN DNR/Jason Ziemer	The DNR has requested information from the SLIA regarding lake sampling and treatment areas for the past few years. They are working with Barr Engineering on the study and future treatments.
	Ramsey County/Mark Kotz	No tampering of the weir was observed by or reported to SLIA Board this past year.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Public Forum</b>	Rick Gelbmann spoke as a member of the NSP Planning Commission. The City is in the process up updating city

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		building codes and ordinances and asked if the SLIA had any input regarding the need to create a special zoning area for properties around the lake. It was felt The City should adhere to the DNR lakeshore property ordinances already in place. Interested parties are invited to provide comment to the City regarding this matter.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Business Items:</b>	
<b>a.</b>	February Annual Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agenda</li><li>• Room reservation</li></ul>	<b><i>FEBRUARY 2, 2015 – CITY HALL</i></b>  Mark will be sending out a notice for the annual meeting and elections. It is hoped that additional people will participate. It was also mentioned that any member is eligible to be on the Board, not just lakeshore owners.
<b>b.</b>	2015 Invasive Weed Treatment	Members have expressed disappointment in the 2014 treatment. This is shared by the SLIA Board. The Board does believe the membership may not fully understand the challenges and guidelines of the treatment process. It is hoped to educate the membership on the process for obtaining permits (timing, area limitations, etc.) at the annual meeting.  Currently Barr Engineering (on behalf of VBWD) and DNR are working together on an invasive weed management plan for Silver Lake. 2015 treatment plans will be created after this work is complete.  It is the Board's intention to have Shoreline treatment applications available at the annual meeting for completion. This will eliminate the need for lakeshore owners to go through the process online. It will also benefit the entire lake if applications are submitted together and early.  Discussed the importance of completing the overall lake treatment application early in order to be eligible for grant monies as there are limited funds and those are based on a first come first serve basis.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Annual Meeting on 2/1/15</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	8 p.m.