

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

MEETING MINUTES – June 1, 2015

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1.	Attendance	John Muller, Mary Anderson, Joyce Germscheid, Jason Ziemer, Mark Kotz, Paul Anderson, Rick Gelbmann, Kristen Rieser
2.	Approve Agenda	Approved
3.	Approve Minutes from last meeting	Approved
4.	Electronic Actions taken	None
5.	Reports:	
a.	President/Mark Kotz	No report
b.	Vice President/Paul Anderson	No report
c.	Secretary/Kristen Rieser	No report
d.	Treasurer/Mary Anderson	<p>Balance \$7792</p> <p>Received invoice for treatment in the amount of \$3950. Jason applied for a DNR grant and SLIA will receive one in the amount of \$1050 (thanks Jason!), leaving a net cost of the treatment of \$2900.</p> <p>Based on dues of \$25/year, the balance in the general account will be depleted within a few years. The Board will be discussing options for fundraising (increase dues, treatment drives, etc.). Members are encouraged to give feedback on this topic.</p>
e.	Membership/Joyce Germscheid	Seven members have joined since the last meeting. It is encouraging to see the newest members of the neighborhood participate in supporting SLIA.
f.	Liaison Updates:	
	City of NSP/Paul Anderson	Bioretention Pond: NSP says VBWD is ready to go, but it is still a budget issue with the City. It is not clear when the redesign and implementation will happen.
	City of Maplewood/Anne McComb	No report
	City of Oakdale	No report
	Valley Branch Watershed District/John Muller	<p>John reported that the lake level is about 3.5" off from what older reports state where the lake level should be at. The DNR will not be taking an action to change the weir to adjust.</p> <p>John also reported that VBWD through Barr Engineering is conducting a hydrological model on Silver Lake. It is said we (the environment in general) is in a new era of significantly more precipitation. We are not yet classified as an impaired lake. They continue to talk about treating with Alum, but no decision will be made until additional testing and reporting is done.</p>

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	MN DNR/Jason Ziemer	No report
	Ramsey County/Mark Kotz	No report
6.	Public Forum	<p>Rick Gelbmann is a member of the NSP Planning Commission. As stated in previous minutes, the City of NSP is seeking to adopt building codes for properties on bodies of water (Silver Lake, Casey Lake). Currently, none exist. The Planning Commission will be recommending to the City Council regulations which closely mimic the DNR regulations. These mainly deal with building structures and erosion control. The regulations are available for viewing on the City of NSP web site under the Planning Commission minutes. The SLIA feels this is a positive action given no codes currently exist.</p> <p>Rick also recommended placing the membership application on the web site. The Board agreed.</p>
7.	Business Items:	
a.	<p>2015 Lake Management Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquatic Invasive Plant Treatment • Individual Shoreline Treatment • Identifying Lake Management Purposes and Objectives • Water Clarity Study 	<p>Treatment to the 3 bays was completed, along with 5 shorelines. The areas treated appear to be getting better each day so the group feels the treatment has been effective. There are about 10 additional shorelines that will be treated in the upcoming weeks. A separate email regarding that will be forwarded.</p> <p>It was agreed that if the group feels shoreline treatment is effective, there will be an effort to get it done all at once, implementing a deadline for application for the group, and then leaving any remaining individuals to be on their own and pay the added costs. It is challenging to make sure there are enough permits to make the treatments cost effective as each treatment involves a trip charge.</p> <p>Shoreline owners wishing a second treatment later in the season will be contacted when appropriate.</p> <p>Mark will be conducting the water clarity study, asking Meg, the VBWD consultant, for the protocol for conducting those.</p>
7.	Next Meeting	Aug. 3, 2015
8.	Adjourn	9:15 p.m.

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