

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

MEETING MINUTES – June 6, 2016

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1.	Attendance	Paul & Mary Anderson, Mark Kotz, Rick Gelbmann, Jason Ziemer, John Muller, Joyce Germscheid, Mike Manthie, Jeff Swan
2.	Approve Agenda	Approved.
3.	Approve Minutes from last meeting (Feb 2016)	Approved
	Electronic Actions taken	na
4.	Reports:	
a.	President/Mark Kotz	Addressed under business items.
b.	Vice President/Paul Anderson	Addressed under business items.
c.	Secretary/Kristen Rieser	Joyce Germscheid offered to take meeting minutes as Kristen was unable to attend.
d.	Treasurer / Joyce Germscheid	Current balance: \$5,326.20. Deposit 6/4- membership dues of \$50.
e.	Membership/ Joyce Germscheid 2571 Poplar Ave E North St Paul, MN	<i>I would like to thank the members who are not lake shore owners who support the health and upkeep of Silver Lake!</i> Total paid membership is at 26, including 5 non-lakeshore homeowners. If anyone wishes to become a member for 2016, please send a \$25 check payable to SLIA to Joyce Germscheid!
f.	Liaison Updates:	
	City of NSP/Paul Anderson	Paul Anderson spoke to Scott Dudek and there is no update from the City regarding the bio-retention pond next to the tennis courts.
	City of Maplewood/Anne McComb	There is an issue at the boat ramp as it is missing tiles and has rebar sticking out. See Business Item 6e.
	City of Oakdale	See Business Item 6e.
	Valley Branch Watershed District/John Muller	See Business Item 6e.
	MN DNR/Jason Ziemer	See Business Item 6b.
	Ramsey County/Mark Kotz	Mark received the 0 gauge for water level information from Ramsey County. The survey crew sets it each year. For 2016, it is 987.50.
5.	Public Forum	There will be a City of NSP meeting at Dorothy Park on June 22 nd from 6-6:30 regarding installation of playground equipment. Mike and Rick plan to attend.
6.	Business Items:	
a	Lake Metrics Update (Temperature, Level and Clarity)	Mark is recording water statistics every 5 days: water temp is 72 degrees; lake level 988.95, which is 6" below the SLIA no wake line; clarity not taken yet.

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b	Treatment Update	The Lake was treated in the 2 north-most bays in late May. There were 17 individual lake shore owners who had their shorelines treated around the same time.
c.	City Partnership with Treatment Costs (full lake treatment)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• North St Paul – John and Paul attended a meeting with the City. The topic of a partnership w/us on treatment costs was delayed (see 6e). Members present believe the City should participate in treatment costs as there are 9 city storm sewers that empty into the lake. SLIA needs to talk with them soon as 2017 city budgets are being finalized. Paul and John will request another meeting to discuss.• Maplewood – Anne McComb sent message last week. Maplewood owns the lake at the north end. They recently installed many upgrades to Joy Park and with that investment it is hoped they will want to invest in maintaining a healthy lake for the visitors of that park.• Oakdale – Mark K will follow up with Oakdale. Although they own only a small portion of the lake along Century, it won't hurt to ask for some contribution.
d.	Fundraising	Joyce met with Ingrid Kohler to discuss the possibility of an SLIA booth at the Silver Lake Splash to raise funds for late treatment costs. Ingrid said that we could not sell something like a raffle ticket as the Splash has that in their name. We could have a kid's game and hand out prizes and information about our fund raising efforts, and accept donations. Joyce will work this out with Sharyn Long and we'll get a table setup the day of the Splash to get the word out!

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e.	Lake Water level, meeting with Government Partners	<p>Background – there are some lake and non-lake shore owners concerned that during times of high water, the water does not flow out fast enough to lower it to the standard water mark resulting in concerns of erosions and property damage. The group is looking to understand what can be done to make sure the output volume can keep up with the input during these high water times.</p> <p>John and Paul were invited to a meeting with City Manager Jason Ziemer (not to be confused with SLIA Jason) and the Ramsey County watershed. While John and Paul had hoped to have discussion about helping NSP pay for treatment costs, the meeting was centered on the lakes water level. Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• VBWD (Valley Branch Water District) will not do anything about helping to manage/advise lake level or weir (manages the lake level through a V shaped outflow on east side of lake).• DNR will not do anything either, said its Ramsey County as they have control of the weir.• Ramsey County said they would not do anything unless VBWD does something. <p>So who controls the weir? City of NSP has no control over weir. History of the weir is that it was installed w/o DNR permit long time ago and was put in to help downstream lakes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• City of NSP Ziemer said they would support us and wrote a letter to the VBWD.• John asked if the VBWD would meet with the DNR to have this discussion and give us some options. They said not until we provide detailed information as to what costs by having the high water level we have today. i.e. Clean up costs to fix wet basements, erosion of shoreline; costs to home owners to prevent problems occurring;• John will start collecting data from home owners on and off the lake to get detailed costs on clean up/repairs due to high water levels; preventative costs; loss of land, trees etc. due to erosion. Rick and Mark will help crunch the numbers so we have a great looking formal document to present to the VBWD, Ramsey Cty, DNR and the city.• If anyone has had high water level issues/costs PLEASE contact John Muller - jammull@hotmail.com so he can include those in the study.
8.	Next Meeting	Aug 1, 2016
9.	Adjourn	Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm