

## Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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**MEETING MINUTES – August 5, 2019**

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	Rick Gelbmann, Joyce Germscheid, Cheryl Ettlinger, John Mueller, Paul Nichol, Judy Burns, Kristen Rieser
<b>2.</b>	<b>Approve Agenda</b>	Approved
<b>3.</b>	<b>Approve Minutes from last meeting</b>	Approved
	<b>Electronic Actions taken</b>	None
<b>4.</b>	<b>Reports:</b>	
<b>a.</b>	<b>President/Rick Gelbman</b>	Federal and State taxes and registration were filed as required.
<b>b.</b>	<b>Vice President/Paul Nichol</b>	None
<b>c.</b>	<b>Secretary/Kristen Rieser</b>	None
<b>d.</b>	<b>Treasurer / Joyce Germscheid</b>	Balance \$3207.06, which includes \$1325 paid to Lake Improvement. An \$80 check for the wine tasting permit has not yet cleared. We will be reaching out for some reimbursements for treatment (see 6a).
<b>e.</b>	<b>Membership/ Joyce Germscheid</b>	27 lakeshore and 7 non-lakeshore members.
<b>f.</b>	<b>Liaison Updates:</b>	
	<b>City of NSP/</b>	No report
	<b>City of Maplewood/Paul</b>	Paul will be touching base with Maplewood to inquire about adding a new No Wake sign (to replace the missing one) to an existing sign pole at the landing, as well as follow up on a trail camera to assist in obtaining boat counts at the landing. This data will assist in establishing a long-term lake management plan.
	<b>City of Oakdale/</b>	No report
	<b>Valley Branch Watershed District/John Muller</b>	No report
	<b>MN DNR/Joyce</b>	Activity complete for 2019
	<b>Ramsey County AIS Task Force/Rick</b>	Inspections at the boat launch are winding down. As a recap, Ramsey and Washington Counties provided funding for approx. 20 hours per month to conduct inspections at the launch to prevent incoming and outgoing invasive species on watercraft.

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<b>5.</b>	<b>Public Forum</b>	<p>Judy Burns spoke to the group about treatment for Emerald Ash Borer prevention. She is seeking SLIA’s help in advocating to the City to provide funds for the treatment of this disease in hopes of preventing the loss of mature trees, especially since we have recently lost several trees due to the road reconstruction project. She has not been successful in understanding who at the City oversees evaluating treatment and requesting funding. She shared that the cost to treat for 10 years is less than the cost to remove. Her hope is for the City to begin replacing trees so that loss of diseased trees would be gradual with treatment, leaving time for newly planted trees to mature. The City of NSP sent a mailer to its residents announcing an injection treatment program offered by Rainbow Treecare, 952-767-6920.</p> <p>The Board sincerely appreciates Judy’s efforts for pursuing this matter and is hopeful she is successful in influencing NSP to incorporate an ongoing program to help sustain these trees, similar to what other cities have done. We encourage our members to contact the City and request them to inspect/treat Ash trees in Silver Lake Park and elsewhere should they desire.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Business Items:</b>	
<b>a</b>	<b>Payment for AIS treatment</b>	<p>SLIA submitted payment to Lake Improvement for treatment of the lake. LI will directly invoice the City of NSP for its portion. SLIA will reach out to Maplewood (\$440) and Oakdale (\$400) for reimbursement for the funds they committed towards the lake treatment.</p> <p>SLIA would like to recognize and thank Katie and Paul Kaari of Lake Improvement Consulting, our long-term partner for lake treatment, for their contribution of 3% of their gross profits, which amounted to roughly a \$210 gift to SLIA.</p>
<b>b.</b>	<b>Electronic membership form and payment</b>	<p>A Paypal account has been set up to receive electronic payments. The next step is to link this to our web site. The goal is to launch by the end of the month. Making progress . . .</p>
<b>c.</b>	<p><b>Funding efforts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wine tasting</b></li> <li>• <b>DNR AIS Treatment Grants have returned</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Wine Tasting event will be held on Oct. 11 from 6:30 – 8:30 at Silver Lake Park.</li> <li>• Our thanks to Joyce and Paul for providing an SLIA presence at the Silver Lake Splash to share important lake information such as awareness of invasive species. They were thrilled to have a surprise visit from Miss MN USA who took initiative to attend this community event in support of Silver Lake (see photos below).</li> <li>• Rick has heard rumors the DNR Grants we received in the past may be coming back. The DNR is hosting meetings to bring together residents, lake association and others to discuss protection of our lakes. We are hoping a member can attend on our behalf to obtain more information.</li> </ul>

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d.	<b>Water level issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replace Voluntary No Wake sign</li></ul>	SLIA will replace the missing No Wake sign from the boat launch. Paul is asking Maplewood if we could add this sign to an existing sign pole to make the sign more secure.  The water level is approximately 3” below the voluntary no wake line.
e.	<b>Reconstruction issues</b>	Long term, the new catch basins being installed as part of the road reconstruction project should reduce the amount of debris entering Silver Lake. Presently, SLIA has been collecting pictures of the sediment and run off that has been entering the lake during the construction period. There is some concern regarding what, if any, action will be taken to address this issue. There is a great deal of debris where the new culvert was installed from broken water mains over the years. The SLIA is working on a joint effort to obtain more details as to what specific action is planned to address these concerns. It is felt that one voice/point of contact with the City will be more effective than individual efforts addressing the same concern. If anyone has pictures or thoughts on this issue, please reach out to a member of the SLIA.
7.	<b>Next Meeting</b>	Oct. 7
8.	<b>Adjourn</b>	8 p.m.

