

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

MEETING MINUTES – Dec. 3, 2019

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1.	Attendance	Rick Gelbman, Joyce Germscheid, Paul Nichol, Missy Lillie, Kristen Rieser
2.	Approve Agenda	Corrected lettering under Business Items
3.	Approve Minutes from last meeting	Approved
	Electronic Actions taken	None
4.		
a.	President/Rick Gelbman	Rick announced he will be resigning as President when the next officer elections are held, which is April 2020, but will try to maintain his Board position through the end of his term. Rick has accepted a position with the VBWD, taking Lincoln Fetchers open position who is stepping down after 20 years of graciously volunteering his time. We sincerely thank Rick for all his efforts. Given all that Rick oversees, this will leave a significant void on the SLIA Board. We estimate we will need 1-2 people to take over Ricks duties. We strongly encourage members to volunteer to help fill this need.
b.	Vice President/Paul Nichol	No report
c.	Secretary/Kristen Rieser	As part of the Minutes to the membership, we will request end of year donations and embed the DONATE key into the email to allow people to donate online.
d.	Treasurer / Joyce Germscheid	\$4,132.03 balance.
e.	Membership/ Joyce Germscheid	No changes
f.	Liaison Updates:	
	City of NSP/Rick	No report
	City of Maplewood/Paul	No report
	City of Oakdale/Joyce	No report
	Valley Branch Watershed District/John Muller	No report
	MN DNR/Joyce	As previously noted, the DNR is once again initiating its grant program for 2020, expecting the application process to take place in January. Joyce will monitor to ensure we submit a timely application. Joyce will be seeking a volunteer to oversee the Silver Lake DNR/lake treatment process so she may focus on this grant process in addition to her Treasurer and Membership positions. Again, more help is needed to disburse these tasks.
	Ramsey County AIS Task Force/Rick	No report
5.	Public Forum	None
6.	Business Items:	
a	Funding Efforts for Lake treatment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DNR AIS Treatment Grant responsibilities 	See MN DNR notes above.

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b.	Water Level issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">• VBWD meeting on water levels	<p>VBWD met to discuss water levels. Their PowerPoint was interesting and is attached to these Minutes. Two key take away's are that precipitation has been the highest on record for the past 10+ years and should be considered the new "norm" for now. Also, lakeshore owners need to understand the difference between managing groundwater levels versus lake levels. We will be seeking a speaker on this topic for the Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Additionally, VBWD has directed Barr Engineering to complete a model that will illustrate the impact on Silver Lake, as well as the lakes downstream, if the weir was changed from a "V" to a square opening.</p>
c.	Electronic Membership Form and Payment	<p>The electronic payment has been set up through PayPal. The plan is to have this available in time for 2020 Membership Dues. The last step is to upload it to the web site.</p>
d.	Notification for lakeshore treatment by Owner	<p>Missy will reach out to the DNR to understand what, if any, requirements are needed for notification when lakeshore owners self-treat. We will provide the information on the web site once known. To note, if you do self-treat, we request you provide a courtesy heads up to your neighbors.</p>
e.	Reconstruction issues	<p>Plowing concerns for the new sidewalk and subsequent drainage have been passed along to the City.</p>
f.	Highway 120 planning	<p>Rick attended this meeting where there were approximately 40 people in attendance. The scope of the project is to look at the stretch from White Bear Lake all the way to Interstate 94. Highlights included discussion about the need for trails from north of I 694 to the Gateway trail at Hwy 36 and consideration of water chemical (e.g. chloride) and run off. An Innovation Corridor from Century College to 3M was also discussed. This could include high speed internet connectivity, bus rapid transit and other innovative technology and infrastructure to help Highway 120 become an important corridor in the east metro area.</p>
g.	Annual Membership meeting	<p>The annual meeting is tentatively planned for Monday, January 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. A confirmation notice will be sent out at a later date once we confirm City Hall is available.</p>
h.	Recruiting new board members	<p>This is a must! We need help in order to continue our journey of maintaining a healthy lake.</p>
7.	Next Meeting	<p>Tentatively Jan. 27 at 6:30</p>
8.	Adjourn	<p>7:45 p.m.</p>