

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

MEETING MINUTES – April 6, 2020

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1.	Attendance via Zoom	Rick Gelbman, Joyce Germscheid, Paul Nichol, Kristen Rieser, John Muller, Cheryl Ettliger
2.	Approve Agenda	Approved
3.	Approve Minutes from last meeting	Rick approved, Joyce second. All ayes.
	Electronic Actions taken	None
4.		
a.	President/Rick Gelbman	Rick will file the 2019 SLIA income tax prior to the end of the month.
b.	Vice President/Paul Nichol	Paul asked Joyce about the status of the muck cleanup NSP is doing for Casey Lake. Joyce reached out to Terry Furlong and Candy Peterson regarding options to have the same cleanup conducted on Silver Lake. Joyce said Candy responded that she would follow up with Joyce. Joyce will follow up if she does not hear from Candy shortly.
c.	Secretary/Kristen Rieser	No report.
d.	Treasurer / Joyce Germscheid	\$6309.33 balance.
e.	Membership/ Joyce Germscheid	16 on lake members, 9 off lake members. Many have contributed more than the \$25 annual dues. The PayPal option has been working well. Thank you to everyone who has renewed their 2020 dues!
f.	Liaison Updates:	
	City of NSP/	NSP plans to begin finishing the road starting in May.
	City of Maplewood/Paul	No report.
	City of Oakdale/	No report.
	Valley Branch Watershed District/John Muller	No report.
	MN DNR/Joyce	No report.
	Ramsey County AIS Task Force/Rick	Ramsey County stated they would like to remove themselves as the monitor/funding source of the aerator over the winter. Electrical costs are approx. \$4000 per year. Options are currently being discussed. No action from SLIA at this time. The board will continue to monitor.
5.	Public Forum	None
6.	Business Items:	

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a	Vote for Board Officers	<p>Open positions: President Nominated and approved Paul Nichol</p> <p>Open position: Vice President Nominated and approved Joyce Germscheid</p> <p>Open position: Secretary Nominated and approved Kristen Rieser</p> <p>Open position: Treasurer Nominated and approved Cheryl Ettlinger</p> <p>To note, Rick will continue to participate on the Board but has stepped down as an officer due to his joining the Valley Branch Watershed District. We sincerely appreciate all the board members for stepping into these positions but acknowledge it has been “musical chairs” for a number of years with the same people serving in various capacity. There is truly a need for some “new blood” to take on some tasks.</p>
b.	2020 Lake Treatment	<p>Joyce applied for the DNR grant money and secured \$1200 for offshore treatment (Way to go Joyce!) and signed off on a permit. Joyce is documenting the DNR treatment process as she will be looking to pass this annual task along to another individual next year. VOLUNTEER NEEDED.</p> <p>Joyce will reach out to VBWD to complete the necessary point intercept survey, and Ramsey County for the delineation (meandering) survey. She will then pass this information along to Lake Management to coordinate.</p> <p>Shoreline treatment – forms will go out with minutes and need to be returned by April 24 for those interested in shoreline treatment for 2020. Pricing will remain the same as last year.</p>
c.	Silver Lake Park Cleanup	<p>Sheri and Mark Long have once again agreed to coordinate this effort. Paul will represent the Board. We are looking to extend the cleanup for a full week and encourage people to go out as they social distance.</p> <p>NOTE - Challenge our neighbors to pick up a “Target” size bag every time they go for a walk!</p>
d.	Water Level	<p>John was looking at how Silver Lake impacts lakes downstream. VBWD is looking into the same question. There is nothing budgeted by VBWD in 2020 for weir modifications as more information needs to be obtained so a plan can be finalized.</p> <p>VBWD meeting has been canceled due to COVID10 meeting restrictions.</p>

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e.	SLIA Position Descriptions	When requesting volunteers, many ask what the task involves in terms of scope and time commitment. With this in mind, the Board is working to provide these position summaries in hopes it will attract some new participants. We will roll the Membership tasks into the VP position.
7.	Next Meeting	June 1, 2020
8.	Adjourn	7:30 p.m.