

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

MEETING MINUTES – August 3, 2020

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1.	Attendance	Rick Gelbmann, Joyce Germscheid, Paul Nichol, Kristen Rieser, Cheryl Ettlinger, John Muller
2.	Approve Agenda	Joyce made a motion to approve. Cheryl seconded. Motion approved.
3.	Approve Minutes from last meeting	John made a motion to approve the minutes with a correction to his last name (sorry John!). Joyce seconded. Motion approved.
	Electronic Actions taken	Joyce made a motion to approve payment to LIC for lake treatment, Rick seconded. Motion approved.
4.	Reports	
a.	President/Paul Nichol	Paul commented how wonderful it has been to see all the activity on the lake.
b.	Vice President/Joyce Germscheid	One new member since last meeting.
c.	Secretary/Kristen Rieser	No report.
d.	Treasurer / Cheryl Ettlinger	LIC was paid. Balance \$5,991.48 Kristen to follow up with details from the last PayPal deposit.
e.	Liaison Updates:	
	City of NSP/Joyce & Rick	Joyce reached out to Candy Peterson about a Facebook posting regarding break-ins at Joy Park. Candy followed up and let her know Joy Park would fall under the City of Maplewood. Joyce will be following up with them. <i>We request that when you are out walking: “if you see something, say something”</i>
	City of Maplewood/Paul	Paul spoke with Emily Dunlap, who is a new contact for Maplewood. She informed him that they repaired the boat launch. She also shared she is working with Ramsey County on updating the signage at the boat launch which will provide information regarding invasive species.
	City of Oakdale/Open	Paul reached out to a potential volunteer regarding this open position. He is waiting for their reply.
	Valley Branch Watershed District/John & Rick	Given the high-water levels and flooding within the entire VBWD area, Silver Lakes lake level discussions are on hold while other issues are addressed. Updates will be provided as available.
	MN DNR/Joyce	Joyce noted that LIC will be treating 3 areas in Silver Lake for the City of NSP.

	Ramsey County AIS Task Force/Rick	<p>Ramsey County continues to conduct inspections at the public landing, typically working in 2-hour shifts.</p> <p>They are also proceeding on transferring the winter aerating operations (this prevents fish kill) to other municipal entities. Ramsey County would continue to be responsible for maintenance of the system, but the electrical cost to run the pumps would be split between NSP and Maplewood. Talks are currently in the works.</p>
5.	Public Forum	None
6.	Business Items:	
a	2020 Lake Treatment Update	Done & paid for!! Thanks for all your efforts Joyce!
b.	Water Level	<p>The past 10 years have been the wettest in history. The SLIA would like to recognize those who have invested in their shorelines with the installation of stone retaining walls and native vegetations - it looks wonderful!</p> <p>While the SLIA we will continue its efforts to minimize erosion on Silver Lake, we applaud those who have taken steps on their own.</p>
c.	SLIA Position Descriptions	Defer until next meeting.
d.	Wine Tasting Fundraiser	Due to COVID19, we will not be hosting the wine tasting event this year. As an alternative, Joyce will contact Furlongs regarding other options for possible fundraisers.
e.	Fall Cleanup	Paul will contact Sherry and Mark Long about hosting a second week of clean up before the leaves fall. The Spring clean up was successful and we are thankful to all those who pitched in.
7.	Next Meeting	October 5, 2020
8.	Adjourn	7:40 p.m.