

## Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

**MEETING MINUTES – December 7, 2020**

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Attendance via Zoom</b>	Joyce Germscheid, Paul Nichol, Kristen Rieser, Cheryl Ettlinger, John Muller, Terry Furlong, Rick Gelbman, Scott Duddeck
<b>2.</b>	<b>Approve Agenda</b>	Approved. All agreed to skip to item 6a to allow Terry and Scott to address the muck in the bays.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Approve Minutes from last meeting</b>	John moved to approve minutes. All ayes.
	<b>Electronic Actions taken</b>	None
<b>4.</b>	<b>Reports</b>	
a.	<b>President/Paul Nichol</b>	Paul shared that he felt the SLIA had a good year and everyone's efforts have made a positive impact on the lake. He thanked everyone for their efforts.
b.	<b>Vice President/Joyce Germscheid</b>	No report
c.	<b>Secretary/Kristen Rieser</b>	No report
d.	<b>Treasurer / Cheryl Ettlinger</b>	Balance \$6,041.48
e.	<b>Liaison Updates:</b>	
	<b>City of NSP/Joyce &amp; Rick</b>	See item 6b
	<b>City of Maplewood/Paul</b>	Paul is going to alert the City on Maplewood about the increase in traffic at the Park's parking lot along Joy Road.
	<b>City of Oakdale/Open</b>	No change
	<b>Valley Branch Watershed District/John &amp; Rick</b>	See item 6b
	<b>MN DNR/Joyce</b>	No report
	<b>Ramsey County AIS Task Force/Rick</b>	<p>Talks are continuing regarding the aerator. The proposed plan is for Ramsey County to continue to operate the unit, VBWD would become the owner, and payment for the electric used to run the motor would be absorbed by one of more of the cities( North St. Paul, Maplewood and Oakdale).</p> <p>The AIS year end report acknowledged the ongoing monitoring and education at the boat launch. It is believed this program has been successful and will continue.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Public Forum</b>	None

<b>6.</b>	<b>Business Items:</b>	
<b>a</b>	<b>Annual Meeting Planning</b>	<p>Annual meeting will be Jan 25, 2021 via Zoom. Paul will begin drafting an agenda and determining if we can use the City's Zoom account to guarantee adequate time for the meeting. SLIA uses the free version which limits meetings to 40 minutes.</p> <p>The Board will be looking to recruit additional people to get involved. Joyce proposed to post something on the NSP Facebook page.</p>
<b>b.</b>	<b>Muck in Bays</b>	<p>Terry and Scott addressed the concern from SLIA regarding excessive sediment in the lake. The City of NSP agrees to utilize a team approach with SLIA, VBWD, Ramsey county and any other stakeholders to address these concerns. We thank them for their continued willingness to work to address these concerns.</p> <p>Rick will reach out to the VBWD engineers John and Morgan, about getting an estimate for taking core samples in various areas of the lake to determine the amount of sediment. This has been the approach taken in preparation for another project around the lake and seems to be the consensus from the group regarding next steps. Once the bores are done and an assessment is complete, the group will work on a plan for the best course of action to address, and then execute as time and funds allow. All parties will remain in touch regarding this item to ensure it continues to move forward, acknowledging the pace may be slow.</p>
<b>c.</b>	<b>SLIA Position Descriptions</b>	<p>Kristen will resend this document to the Board for review. The goal is to have it available prior to the annual meeting; possibly sending it out with the meeting notice in hopes of encouraging people to get involved.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	January 25, 2021 via Zoom
<b>8.</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	7:45 p.m.