

## **Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)**

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

**MEETING MINUTES – April 5, 2021**

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Attendance via Zoom</b>	Scott Duddeck, Kristen Rieser, Paul Nichol, Rick Gelbmann, Tim Cole, Cheryl Ettlinger, Joyce Germscheid, Sharyn and Mark Long
<b>2.</b>	<b>Approve Agenda</b>	Kristen made a motion to approve agenda. Joyce second. All ayes.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Approve Minutes from last meeting</b>	Rick made a motion to approve agenda. Joyce second. All ayes.
	<b>Electronic Actions taken</b>	None
<b>4.</b>	<b>Reports</b>	
<b>a.</b>	<b>President/Paul Nichol</b>	No report
<b>b.</b>	<b>Vice President/Joyce Germscheid</b>	We have 22 lakeshore and 9 non lakeshore paid members.
<b>c.</b>	<b>Secretary/Kristen Rieser</b>	No report
<b>d.</b>	<b>Treasurer / Cheryl Ettlinger</b>	Received \$400 from City of Maplewood that had been committed in 2020. Bank balance \$7,986.
<b>e.</b>	<b>Liaison Updates:</b>	
	<b>City of NSP/Joyce &amp; Rick</b>	Rick followed up on the notices that had been sent from NSP to residents regarding the public meeting that took place last week. One ordinance item references the shoreline and its zoning regulations. No action was taken. The recommendations are to keep the items pertaining to the shoreline as is.
	<b>City of Maplewood/Paul</b>	Paul will follow up regarding possible signage at the boat launch. Rick asked him to also follow up on the aerator with respect to Ramsey County not wanting to install the aerator next year, and Maplewood has not yet responded to this matter. They are looking to Maplewood to participate in the operating cost of the aerator in partnership with the City of NSP.
	<b>City of Oakdale/Open</b>	No report
	<b>Valley Branch Watershed District/John &amp; Rick</b>	See item 6b.

	<b>MN DNR/Joyce</b>	<p>Joyce reported that we were not selected to receive a DNR grant this year. It is a random process; nothing that SLIA could control.</p> <p>There is no set date to complete a lake delineation for center lake treatment. We will continue to monitor to determine when conditions are best to set up the survey. Mark Kotz continues to take lake temperatures that will help determine when to have the survey conducted.</p> <p>Joyce is in process of reaching out to shoreline owners regarding shoreline treatments. A huge thanks to Joyce for continuing to spearhead this effort.</p>
	<b>Ramsey County AIS Task Force/Rick</b>	They will do inspections at the boat landing once again; looking for invasive weeds entering the lake via incoming boats.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Public Forum</b>	Sharyn Long asked for more information regarding phosphorus – how we can help prevent it from getting in the lake; what items contain phosphorus; etc. This will be put on the next meeting agenda.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Business Items:</b>	
<b>a.</b>	<b>Spring Cleanup</b>	<p>Due to COVID, last years clean up was changed from a one-day event to a weeklong event. The NSP city wide clean up will be May 8, which is not the park clean up but rather the day for bulk garbage drop off, electronic recycling and document shredding. After some discussion, it was decided we would do the weeklong clean up in the Spring to allow for social distancing, and then target a Fall clean up for a neighborhood/community one day event. Scott stated they would put the information in the City electronic newsletter. Joyce offered to put it out on the neighborhood Facebook page and other neighborhood social media sites. The Long’s have graciously offered to lead this effort once again.</p>
<b>b.</b>	<b>Sediment build up in bays</b>	<p>VBWD has this on their agenda this week. They will be looking at what action they plan to take to determine the level of sediment in Silver Lake resulting from the construction. Members are encouraged to attend the meeting on Thursday at 7 pm. A link is available on the Valley Branch web site, or you can use the link below:</p> <p><a href="#">Welcome To Valley Branch Watershed District, MN</a></p>
<b>c.</b>	<b>NSP Fall Roundup Parade – Sept. 23</b>	Joyce and Kristen are on the City’s Fall Roundup committee. SLIA would like to have a float in the event. Sharyn Long offered to help lead a group to organize this effort, and we will be reaching out to other members to assist.

d.	<b>SLIA tax return</b>	Rick has completed this task in the past in his role as President. It is vital to keep current on the filings in order to maintain the non-profit status that allow for tax deduction. Paul will be looking at the by-laws to see if there is anyone/any position listed as having responsibility for this task.
e.	<b>Follow up from Annual Membership Meeting</b>	Paul was looking for feedback regarding the annual meeting and asked people to forward any comments to his attention. He shared that his goal is to get more people involved. He also felt there were more questions than usual throughout the presentation and perhaps next year we hold off and have a question section at the end to maintain meeting flow.
f.	<b>Meeting format for 2021</b>	We are working with the City of NSP to improve communication out to the larger community. The City of NSP has a link to the SLIA on the web site and our web site has a list of the meetings and copy of minutes. The next meeting will follow the Zoom format. We will discuss changes at the next meeting.
g.	<b>SLIA Board elections</b>	Kristen made a motion for all officers to remain in their same position. Rick second. All ayes.
7.	<b>Next Meeting</b>	June 7, 2021 via Zoom
8.	<b>Adjourn</b>	8 p.m.