

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

MEETING MINUTES – June 7, 2021

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1.	Attendance in person and via Zoom	Paul Nichol, Rick Gelbmann, Joyce Germscheid, Cheryl Ettlinger, John Muller, Kristen Rieser
2.	Approve Agenda	John made a motion to approve agenda, Rick second. All ayes. Motion passed.
3.	Approve Minutes from last meeting	Joyce made a motion to approve minutes, John second. All ayes. Motion passed.
	Electronic Actions taken	None
4.	Reports	
a.	President/Paul Nichol	Paul commented that many have been enjoying the lake and that the water quality is good; the water is clear and clean. He felt this is the result of the ongoing efforts of the SLIA over the years.
b.	Vice President/Joyce Germscheid	Two new lakeshore members have joined.
c.	Secretary/Kristen Rieser	No report.
d.	Treasurer / Cheryl Ettlinger	Balance is \$8085.19. We are waiting for the invoice from Lake Improvement Consultants for the center lake treatment.
e.	Liaison Updates:	
	City of NSP/Joyce & Rick	Zoning regulations are being reviewed at the City level. The Planning Commission is recommending lake lots remain the same even though the city is considering allowing smaller lots within the city. It is felt water quality is better maintained at the current lot size.
	City of Maplewood/Paul	Paul has been unsuccessful in his attempts to talk with representatives from Maplewood regarding the status of the aerator. His next step will be to attempt contact with a more senior position at the city.
	City of Oakdale/Open	<p>We have been unsuccessful in finding a volunteer for this task. Therefore, to initiate at least some interaction, we will reach out to Oakdale for a contact at the city who we can send our minutes. With the upcoming construction on Hwy 120, we believe it is important to open dialogue with Oakdale. Kristen will reach out to the city and inquire about a contact.</p> <p style="color: red;">We would greatly appreciate if someone located along Century Ave would consider volunteering for this task. It is less than 1 hour per month. Keeping in touch regarding the Century Ave project will be important to the quality of the lake and the communication with residents.</p>

	Valley Branch Watershed District/John & Rick	Valley Branch engineers will be meeting with SLIA board representatives regarding the lake sediment. Negotiations regarding the operation of the aerator are proceeding.
	MN DNR/Joyce	All permits were granted and treatment occurred including areas around Dorothy Park, the NSP fishing pier, the beach area, as well as the 16 individual shoreline treatments. The second shoreline treatments for those who opted in will be done at the end of the month.
	Ramsey County AIS Task Force/Rick	Inspections for invasive species attached to watercraft have started at the boat launch.
5.	Public Forum	None
6.	Business Items:	
a	Spring Cleanup recap	<p>Mark and Sherry Long once again did an outstanding job with the Fall Clean up. Rick shared a story of one individual who walked around the entire lake and picked up on multiple occasions. We know this young man lives on Lake Blvd. <i>A big thank you to him</i> and everyone else who pitched in.</p> <p>It was noted that trash is spilling out of the trash cans at the park due to the increase in activity. We will attempt to notify the Cities and ask if they could add more trash cans or arrange a weekend pick up.</p>
b.	Sediment build up in bays	Paul attended a meeting at VBWD to discuss this concern. They were receptive to the concerns, but next steps have yet to be determined.
c.	NSP Fall Roundup Parade – Sept. 23	Sherry Long and Kelly Unger have volunteered to spearhead designing a float representing the SLIA. They will be searching for additional volunteers to add to their team. Kristen made a motion to approve the \$25 fee for this event, Paul second. All ayes. Motion passed.
d.	2021 Treatment Update and Purple Loosestrife and Starry Stonewort	Joyce pulled some weeds of concern that she will be sending to the DNR for review.
e.	“Free” Eurasian and hybrid watermilfoil genetic analysis this summer	This appears to be a good program for SLIA. Unfortunately, we did not find a volunteer to take on this small task. Joyce and Rick agreed to take a stab at the paperwork. THANK YOU TO JOYCE AND RICK!
f.	Summer Plans (Splash?)	The Splash will not take place this summer.
g.	Fall Fundraiser	Cheryl will seek out volunteers to lead this event. Tentative date is Oct. 8.
7.	Next Meeting	August 2, 2021
8.	Adjourn	7:45 p.m.