

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

MEETING MINUTES – October 11, 2021

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1.	Attendance in person and via Zoom	Paul Nichol, Rick Gelbmann, Joyce Germscheid, Kristen Rieser, Cheryl Ettlinger, Tim Cole
2.	Approve Agenda	Rick made a motion to approve the agenda, Joyce second. All ayes. Motion passed.
3.	Approve Minutes from last meeting	Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes, Paul second. All ayes. Motion passed.
	Electronic Actions taken	Joyce made a motion to provide financial support up to \$50 for SLIA's entry into the NSP Fall Roundup Parade, Cheryl second. Ayes: Germscheid, Ettlinger, Nichol, Gelbmann, Rieser. Not voting: Mueller. Motion passed. Paul made a motion to approve \$800 for treatment of purple loosestrife once all required permitting approvals are obtained, Joyce second. All ayes. Motion passed.
4.	Reports	
a.	President/Paul Nichol	Paul made a motion to approve up to \$250 for the NSP Fall Parade expenses, Cheryl second. All ayes.
b.	Vice President/Joyce Germscheid	Joyce shared that Paul and Katie Kaari with Lake Improvement will be donating approximately \$270 to SLIA based on a percentage of their net profits from 2020 and 2021.
c.	Secretary/Kristen Rieser	No report
d.	Treasurer / Cheryl Ettlinger	Balance of \$5,463.10. Waiting for invoice for treatment of Purple Loosestrife.
e.	Liaison Updates:	
	City of NSP/Joyce & Rick	Updates under Business Items.
	City of Maplewood/Paul	Paul is waiting for a response from Maplewood requesting funding as part of their annual budget rather than SLIA requesting funds through their charitable gaming fund each year.
	City of Oakdale/Open	Open
	Valley Branch Watershed District/John & Rick	VBWD has an inspector coming out regularly to check on the weir. The inspector noted that no water has been flowing out due to the low water levels. The inspector is also removing any debris build up.
	MN DNR/Joyce	Joyce completed the DNR permit process for treatment of purple loosestrife.

	Ramsey County AIS Task Force/Rick	Rick received notification that Lake Owasso has Zebra mussels. Ramsey County is taking action to limit its spread. Due to its proximity to Silver Lake, we are asking all shoreline owners and stakeholders to be diligent in their inspection efforts when putting watercraft in and out of the lake.
5.	Public Forum	<p>SLIA received a complaint regarding the excessive Eurasian Milfoil in the lake the concern of it taking over. SLIA's response was as follows:</p> <p><i>We had Paul Kaari from Lake Consulting investigate the weeds when he was out to treat the Purple Loosestrife. Paul observed a lot of northern milfoil growth in several areas, and in some areas it was growing to the surface. This is a native plant and is not the same as the non-native invasive Eurasian watermilfoil. Justin Townsend has communicated in the past that he potentially observed a hybrid milfoil (northern and Eurasian) on the lake, which can only be confirmed with lab testing, but Paul is quite certain that what he observed is northern milfoil. The DNR currently does not administer permits to control larger "offshore" areas to treat native plants.</i></p> <p>As a follow up, SLIA will request the DNR validate Paul's response to determine if the weeds are invasive or native.</p>
6.	Business Items:	
a	NSP Fall Round Up Parade Recap	The parade was a success! Four families decorated and rode in the boat and volunteers handed out information on lake plants. Thanks to all!
b.	Fall Cleanup Recap	SLIA thanked Mark and Sherry Long for continuing to spearhead this effort. Their recap noted twelve "takers" (those who utilized the supplies available) on the first day but very few the rest of the week. Moving forward, we will consider setting out supplies one weekend in the Spring and Fall, resume asking the NSP Track & Field team to assist with the Spring pick up and encourage people to go out on their own on other days and designate certain areas (e.g., Century, Joy Park) on certain clean up days.
c.	Purple Loosestrife Remediation	<p>Paul Kaari treated all areas as indicated on the map on 9/17/2021. He said that the treatment went very well, and he was able to identify all the areas (which Kathy did a wonderful job of identifying) for treatment.</p> <p>SLIA responded quickly to address the loosestrife, acknowledging it was primarily present on the public shoreline. Moving forward, we will work on obtaining support (financial) from the City shoreline owners.</p>
d.	2022 Treatment	This item to be discussed at the next meeting.

e.	Sediment Build-up in bays	SLIA is requesting samples be taken from all nine inlets to determine the makeup of the sediment. This information will enable SLIA to work with other agencies on determining next steps. Tim Cole will bring this request to the City Council. SLIA will work to obtain a meeting with stakeholders from each of the municipalities to expedite this item, as well as request their support.
f.	Aerator Ownership and Operations	This item continues to move forward.
g.	Fall Fundraiser	SLIA will look to host the Wine Tasting event in the Spring as both a fundraising and community event. If you are interested in helping to organize this event, please contact SLIA. For its Fall fundraising effort, SLIA will encourage donations on the Give to the Max Day 2021 which is November 18. <i>Please consider SLIA in your donation planning.</i>
h.	2022 Annual Meeting Tentative Plan	The Annual Meeting date will be determined at the next meeting. We anticipate sometime in February.
7.	Next Meeting	December 6, 2021
8.	Adjourn	7:45 p.m.

ZEBRA MUSSEL:

