

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

MEETING MINUTES – December 6, 2021

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1.	Attendance in person and via Zoom	ZOOM: Paul Nichol, Rick Gelbmann, Kristen Rieser, Cheryl Ettlenger, Tim Cole, John Muller
2.	Approve Agenda	Rick made a motion to approve agenda, John second. All ayes. Motion passed.
3.	Approve Minutes from last meeting	John made a motion to approve the minutes with a spelling correction to his last name, Cheryl second. All ayes. Motion passed.
	Electronic Actions taken	None
4.	Reports	
a.	President/Paul Nichol	Paul thanked the board for their efforts this past year.
b.	Vice President/Joyce Germscheid	No report
c.	Secretary/Kristen Rieser	No report
d.	Treasurer / Cheryl Ettlenger	Balance \$4,663.
e.	Liaison Updates:	
	City of NSP/Joyce & Rick	NSP is on track to contribute their share towards operation of the aerator. Tim Cole shared that a NSP city contact will be assigned starting in January. Given a new City Manager starts Jan. 1, the interim manager is
	City of Maplewood/Paul	Maplewood has not provided any alternative options for receiving funding. SLIA had received funds from its charitable gambling fund
	City of Oakdale/Open	Open
	Valley Branch Watershed District/John & Rick	\$2k has been approved toward funding for the aerator. This Thursday, VBWD is voting on releasing the 2021 Point Intercept Survey which includes Silver Lake data. This information will provide Silver Lake stakeholders with valuable information for dictating future actions.
	MN DNR/Joyce	No report
	Ramsey County AIS Task Force/Rick	Rick noted there will be a report recapping the observations made by the public landing inspectors this past summer. Funding for staffing this position was provided by Ramsey County.
5.	Public Forum	None

6.	Business Items:	
a	Purple Loosestrife Remediation	Paul Kaari completed a second treatment based on updated observations of additional plants by Joy Park. Treatments appear to have effectively eradicated all Purple Loosestrife noted.
b.	High level of weeds this fall. Analysis discussion and plans for 2022	Justin (DNR) is collaborating with an outside company to assess and identify the species of plants pulled from Silver Lake. Rick recommended we send the VBWD report, which contains information on the weeds in Silver Lake observed this past summer, to Justin to make sure all parties have access to the same information as we consider future treatments
c.	Sediment build-up in bays	With the upcoming change in NSP city management, this item is on hold until January.
d.	Aerator ownership and operations	<p>Ramsey County currently owns and operates the aerator in Silver Lake. The County, the watershed district, North St. Paul, and Maplewood are still in discussion about the future ownership and maintenance of the system. North St. Paul has offered to be the responsible party for the maintenance. Formal agreements are not yet final, and no official transfer of responsibilities have taken place at this time. The agreement is in Ramsey County's hands.</p> <p>Tim will follow up with NSP Public Works to confirm ongoing operation of the aerator until the agreement is final. Rick to follow up regarding status of the agreement.</p>
e.	2022 Annual Meeting Plans	Tentatively Monday, February 7, 2022.
7.	Next Meeting	Tentatively Monday, February 7, 2022.
8.	Adjourn	7:10 p.m.