

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

MEETING MINUTES – April 4, 2022

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1.	Attendance in person and via Zoom	<p>IN PERSON: Paul Nichol, Rick Gelbmann, Kristen Rieser, Cheryl Ettlinger, John Muller, Arnie & Carol Frische, Ron Ritchie-City of NSP, Kari Erpenbach-City of NSP, Morgan Dawley-WSB, Terry Furlong-City of NSP, Katie & Paul Kaari, Lake Improvement Consulting, Mark & Sherry Long</p> <p>VIA ZOOM: John Hanson-Barr Engineering, John Stark-City of NSP, Randy-City of NSP</p>
2.	Approve Agenda	John made a motion to approve agenda, Cheryl second. All ayes. Motion passed.
3.	Approve Minutes from last meeting	John made a motion to approve minutes, Cheryl second. All ayes. Motion passed.
	Electronic Actions taken	None
4.	Collaborative discussion between SLIA and City of NSP	Paul summarized the goal of seeking collaboration opportunities with the City of NSP regarding the following items:
a.	Sediment in bays	<p>All agree that sediment did get into the lake, but the amount and type of sediment cannot be known until a study is completed. This study would provide the data necessary to determine future action.</p> <p>The next step is for NSP City Manager John Stark to talk with VBWD and WSB. He will then address this during NSP workshops within the next 6 weeks with the goal of determining the scope of the study, source of funding and recommended strategies. NSP would then submit a proposal to VBWD for input and assistance.</p>
b.	AIS Treatment	Last summer, there was a large bloom of milfoil. We are still awaiting the results of the species, but it is believed to be Hybrid Northern/Eurasian Milfoil, which is classified as an AIS. There will be a separate meeting in May to determine the best treatment strategy to employ in the future. There are some new methods/products that are more effective and last longer. These will be carefully considered, with the goal to minimize AIS at the lowest cost.
c.	Spring clean-up planning and opportunity to partner	<p>SLIA will work with Jill at the City of NSP to coordinate a shared clean-up day on April 23, with a backup rain date to be provided. Mark and Sherry Long have agreed to represent SLIA and set up a supply area for volunteers. They will also be sharing and promoting opportunities to educate individuals on preventing phosphorus from getting into the lake (see 7b).</p> <p>Rick stated Jeff Brower, the VBWD inspector, offered to coordinate pickup of bulky items and trash collected along Century Ave during the clean-up this year.</p>

d.	Other	None
5.	Reports	
a.	President/Paul Nichol	The tax returns have been filed for 2021.
b.	Vice President/Joyce Germscheid	Reminder for SLIA members to submit their shoreline treatment applications to Joyce by April 11.
c.	Secretary/Kristen Rieser	No report
d.	Treasurer / Cheryl Ettlinger	Balance \$5,970.25.
e.	Liaison Updates:	
	City of NSP/Joyce	No report
	City of Maplewood/Paul	No report
	City of Oakdale/ Open	Open
	Valley Branch Watershed District/ Rick	No additional report
	MN DNR/Joyce	No report.
	Ramsey County AIS Task Force/Rick	No additional report
6.	Public Forum	<p>Paul emphasized that SLIA continues to seek volunteers. SLIA welcomes both shoreline owners and friends of SLIA to join the SLIA board. Please reach out to any board member for information.</p> <p>Morgan noted that the bio retention area (near the tennis courts) has been working well and operating as designed. The maintenance for this area will revert to the City of NSP next year. The City is looking to continue contracting with the current service provider and maintain consistency.</p> <p>Morgan also noted the spent lime basin project and its benefit to maintaining the health of Silver Lake, as well as new catch basins that were installed around the lake area. These projects all help to support the long-term well-being of the lake.</p>
7.	Business Items:	

a	2022 Treatment (and beyond) Plans	<p>Katie from LIC shared that a representative from the chemical company is willing to present at a workshop regarding recommended treatment for addressing the new hybrid EWM. She also noted the treatment for lily pads will be more aggressive this year.</p> <p>While SLIA did not receive a center lake treatment grant, the City of NSP did. Joyce (SLIA), Morgan (NSP) and Rick (VBWD) will group together and coordinate efforts for treatment. VBWD conducts the point intercept needed for the permit. They will work with Justin from Ramsey County on the delineation survey. They will then coordinate with Lake Improvement Consulting regarding treatment options.</p>
b.	Phosphorus – how we can help prevent it from getting in the lake	Education is key. John Hanson will forward information sheets for distribution to the SLIA members. This information will also be published on the city’s website.
c.	Spring clean-up planning	See notes under 4c
d.	Feedback from annual meeting	None
e.	Filling board positions	See notes under Public Forum
7.	Next Meeting	June 6, 2022
8.	Adjourn	8:00 p.m.