

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

Meeting Minutes - March 22, 2023 @ 6:30PM

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1.	Attendance	IN PERSON: Paul Nichol, Joyce Germscheid, John Muller, Rebecca Lehmer, Jess Gould, Galen Gould, John Monge (NSP), April Londo (DNR), Cheryl Ettlinger, Tim Cole (NSP)
2.	Approve Agenda	Motion by John Muller, Cheryl E. second, Approved.
3.	Approve Minutes from last meeting	Motion by Paul, Joyce second, Approved.
	Electronic Actions taken	None
4.	Reports	
	Voting new members	Cheryl Ettlinger, Secretary - Nominated by Paul, approved: Jess, Joyce, John M.; Leigh Anderson, Member at large - Nominated by Paul, approved: Jess, Joyce, Cheryl, John M.; Galen Gould, Member at Large - Nominated by Paul, approved: Jess, Joyce, Cheryl, John M.
a.	President/Paul Nichol (Feb 2024)	Recap of 2023 activities; City of NSP / Maplewood / Ramsey Co. split electric for the aerator and maintained by City of NSP, estimated \$3K annual cost.
b.	Vice President/Joyce Germscheid	Recap 2022 lake treatments and process for funding treatment costs and arranging lakeshore treatments for residents. \$1500 grant toward offshore treatment.
c.	Secretary/Jess Gould	N/A
d.	Treasurer / Cheryl Ettlinger	Reported balance of \$6953.35 2023; reported membership stats: 30 out of 37 SLIA members are Lakeshore owners.
e.	Member at Large: Leigh Anderson	Approved as member as of 3-22-2023
f.	Member at Large: Galen Gould	Approved as member as of 3-22-2023
g.	Liaison Updates:	
	City of NSP/Joyce	No update.
	City of Maplewood/Paul	John Monge requests information to forward on to Mary Lee with Maplewood, re: how much lake is within their territory.
	City of Oakdale	Per John Monge: Oakdale declined to assist with this project.

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2	<p align="center">Valley Branch Watershed District (VBWD)/Meg (via phone)</p>	<p>Meg recommends contacting VBWD re: potential funding/resource assistance for permitting, design work, special post-treatment reporting to DNR, etc. Paul is invited to attend a VBWD meeting to share project goals and what VBWD could do to support the project. Recommends to contact Ramsey Co to request assistance in collecting samples and shipping them to the laboratory. Recommends sharing proposal to other cities/counties involved, requesting support to be included in 2024 budgets.</p>
	<p align="center">MN DNR/Joyce</p>	
5.	<p align="center">Public Forum</p>	<p>Rebecca Lehmer: Suggesting more sustainable options to create signage/cards/brochures for SLIA to use for parade, outreach, etc. - Requesting permission to apply on behalf of SLIA (needs Tax ID, non-profit information, willing to be a contact person but would appreciate guidance/partnership - Jess will work with Rebecca to sort out registration information.</p>
6.	<p>Business Items:</p>	
a	<p>Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Treatment Update</p>	<p>Aquatic invasive survey summary. Plans to combat hybrid water milfoil includes Fluridone treatment. Rough estimate is \$15,000 over two years for full-lake treatment. April: Systemic herbicide to apply when milfoil is blooming, but prior to native plant growing. Fluridone is slow acting, requiring the herbicide to be in the lake 60-90 days and then it will begin to impact the AIS. Plan for treatment to begin in Fall 2023 through Spring 2024. Option to create an action plan for 2023-2025 goals; April will share a template with Paul. Recommends contacting VBWD to get official approval of Fluridone treatment should water quality be a potential concern. Also to include that Furidone has been applied in few lakes in MN, this application could contribute to the dataset.</p>
7.	<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>TBD</p>
7.	<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 22, 2023 @ 7:56PM</p>