

Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)

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

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 5 at 6:30 pm

Location: Ettlenger House (2600 Swan Ave)

www.silverlakensp.org

1. Attendance	In attendance: Amber White, Cheryl Ettlenger, Galen Gould, Jess Gould, Joyce Germscheid, Kim Schwankl, Jim Schwankl, Anne McComb, Leigh Anderson
2. Approve Agenda	Motion by Cheryl; Joyce second; Approved.
3. Approve minutes from October meeting	Motion by Joyce, Jess second; Approved.
4. Reports	
a) President: Amber White	State taxes for 2023 were not filed; Amber is submitting the 999-N e-postcard and there is no late penalty. Also working on updating names and contact information through the DNR portal. Amber is updating information for federal taxes, Paul will update info for state taxes.
b) VP/Membership: Joyce Germscheid	Joyce is stepping down from the SLIA board and met with Amber earlier in the week to pass along files and documentation relating to SLIA. Thank you Joyce for your years of effort and organization, we will miss you greatly!
c) Secretary: Jess Gould	Jess and Galen will be reaching out to Jason to discuss options for website transfer/updates. Thanks to Jason for continuing to maintain and update the website on behalf of SLIA!
d) Treasurer: Cheryl Ettlenger	Current balance: \$11,656.73
e) Liaison Updates:	
i) City of NSP - Joyce Germscheid	Leigh will officially be filling the City of NSP liaison position. Thanks for volunteering your time and energy for this, Leigh!
ii) City of Maplewood - Galen Gould	No updates. Plans for Spring meeting with contacts.
iii) City of Oakdale - Amber White	Anne McComb will officially be filling the City of Oakdale liaison position. Thanks for volunteering your time and energy for this, Anne!
iv) Valley Branch - Rick Gelbmann	N/A

(not present)	
v) MN DNR - Joyce Germscheid	Amber will officially be filling the DNR liaison position. Thanks for volunteering your time and energy for this, Amber! Joyce submitted application for 2025 offshore treatment, we should hear back sometime in 2025 about that.
vi) Ramsey Co. AIS Task Force - Rick Gelbmann (not present)	No update at this time.
5. Public Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed who is overseeing operation of the aerator; Amber will talk to Meg Ratti should more info be needed. Lake was 90% frozen as of Thursday, November 28. • New membership discussion: Please talk to new neighbors, invite people to join the group or add to email list. Discussed possible efforts to contact additional neighborhood members later this spring.
6. Business Items	
a) Planning of 2025 annual meeting	Leigh will look into dates for NSP room options, plan to schedule on a date that is not in conflict with other city meetings so the Mayor and City Manager could possibly attend.
b) Treatment before and after photos	Amazing photos from Rick Gelbmann showing October 2023 vs October 2024. Noticeable difference; currently showing lots of healthy natives and no hybrid milfoil. Jess will ask about the extent to which these photos can be shared (FAA regulations do limit what can be posted publicly). Evidence of very successful lake treatment!
c) Filling board member position	Positions available as of February 2025: Vice President and Secretary. Joyce is stepping down and new VP is needed. Jess is willing to take another term as Secretary, but would step down if other interested parties are wanting to participate.
d) Mac's update	Next fundraiser anticipated around Memorial Day. Will have more info later in 2025. Raised \$387.15 during most recent fundraiser.
7. Next Meeting:	February 2025, date and location TBD
8. Adjourn:	Meeting is adjourned at 7:50PM