

Minutes expected to be approved on October 11, 2022 –

SLPIA

SILVER LAKE PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES

9.13.2022

The September 13, 2022, meeting was held at 7:30 am at City Hall.

All members present: Del Lassen, Gary Taber, Dan Breuker, Seth Hellinga, Ashley Hibma, Herb Stewart, Jack Bradshaw, Scott Mitchell and Robyn Wilson

Also present: Kim Wermersen, Marie Matthiesen, Dick Packebush, Phil Hayes, Matt Carstensen, John Wills, Mike Hawkins, Bill Ebersole, Jeff Nechkash, Joni Neppi and Shirley Gillespie

Minutes of the August 13, 2022, annual meeting was approved through a motion made by Herb and second by Dan.

Dan provided the finance report. The checking account balance was \$61,556.45. Additional income of \$2500 each from Lake Park Utilities and Lake Park City Council was received; also \$850 of additional memberships. Gary made a motion to approve the finance report; Del provided the second; motion was approved.

Mike Hawkins shared that the shoreline work was wrapping up with the paying of final billings and implementation of vegetation management. The next phase of work will depend on finding farm/landscaping rock. Zebra mussels and blue-green algae were discussed.

John Wills had emailed a draft of the new grant application for water sampling. It is again for \$3,000 matching funds for water sampling. During the discussion, it was shared that there is \$20,000 remaining in the current grant for private land owner grants. That money will still be available for another 2 years. One reason more applications were not submitted from land owners was the difficulty in finding contractors to do the work. It was suggested that the Board obtain John's list of contractors to have for land owners. Herb made the motion and Jack provided the second that stated there be 2 separate grants submitted to the WQC--one for \$3,000 for water sampling; one for \$30,000 for additional shoreline stabilization work; and that Robyn has the board's approval to sign each grant once they are ready. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the recent zoning commission meeting was next. Again, this revising of zoning regulations will probably take 6 months and then the zoning commission's recommendations are presented to the council for their approval. Concern was expressed regarding landscaping and erosion rules. Matt Carstensen shared that there are such rules but are not in the zoning book; the Council is the entity to enforce such rules; and he will try to have the Council follow up on this concern.

The purpose and priorities for SLPIA were discussed. Robyn shared a mission statement that had been written previously which, in general, stated that the purpose of the group is to educate, protect, and preserve. Ashley voiced the opinion that SLPIA has no jurisdiction – only influence – on issues relating to Silver Lake. Gary then added that once the Board has a group opinion, then the Board can go to the council with that opinion and the Council will decide on any further action. Seth stated that the Board needed to be consistent in these opinions – one opinion will apply to all entities involved around the lake. John Wills restated these thoughts by saying that the SLPIA's mission is to exert influence by being a watchdog to protect the lake.

At this time of the meeting, it is 9:00 am and the room is needed for another group's business meeting so SLPIA needed to adjourn. Robyn shared that she will not be able to attend the October meeting and Herb, as vice-chair, will need to conduct the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Robyn Wilson, President

Jack Bradshaw, Secretary

The next meeting will be October 11, 2022