

Annual Silver Lake Protection Association Meeting  
Salem Lakes Library, July 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 A.M. by President Spencer Leroy. Spencer introduced Kurt Gehlbach, the Vice President, and Michelle Cullen, the secretary/treasurer. There were 26 members present. Spencer asked Michelle to give her treasurer's report. The SLPA currently has \$33,335.05 in the Advia Credit Union. She reported that our original grant was for \$85,902.75 and is now left with \$12,167.50. We will be unable to extend the time past December 31, 2019, as we have already had two years extensions.

Kurt spoke regarding the whole lake survey which is to be done in the near future by Wisconsin Lake and Pond Resource LLC, and the cost will be approximately \$4,000. Near the end of summer in 2018, we had treatment for Eurasian Millfoil done on a 4 1/2 acre parcel on the north side of the bridge by the DNR launch for the same amount.

Spencer then brought up a discussion on how imperative it will become for Silver Lake to form a Lake District. Powers, Twin, Camp/Center and Paddock/Hooker are Lake Districts. Silver Lake is a 514 acre lake and the only large lake in the Village of Salem Lakes that presently is not a district. Before we formed an association we had a whole lake treatment for the eradication of Eurasian Millfoil weeds that were taking over Silver Lake. That treatment amounted to \$38,284.25 and was entirely collected through donations and a fundraiser at The Marina restaurant. The second treatment was \$40,664.00 and was done in 2015 after we received our Grant from the DNR. The full amount that has been spent on treating Silver Lake has been \$140,944.91.

Kurt made a plea for a district to be established for Silver Lake. He said we cannot expect the generous donations to continue, and \$10.00 per person over 18 from our membership will not be able to save the lake. The way the grant works is that the SLPA secretary fills out a report to the DNR yearly with the "paid" bills. If the DNR agrees with our report, they will reimburse the SLPA 75%, and we pay the remaining 25%.

Spencer then discussed the possibility of becoming a "single Lake District" which would incorporate the entire watershed which goes even beyond "50" to define the boundaries. This method would take longer with petitions to all concerned. Another way to become a Lake District would be to add together all of the remaining lakes in Salem Lakes that are currently "not a Lake District" and make them one Lake District. This method can be done by the Village Board.

Michelle gave a short report on a few homes in already formed districts. The amount that these homes paid per year for their lake management was minimal. When we talked about Silver Lake not being police patrolled it was mentioned that when we would become a district the police would be paid to patrol the lake from the amount collected for lake management. A true win-win for Silver Lake, as the problems have escalated this year without patrol.

Bill Erb made a motion that we want the village board to go forward forming a single lake district for Silver Lake only. The motion was seconded and passed with a unanimous vote.

Spencer then told the members that he and Kurt will be moving from the state within a year or less. We voted to keep the officers until the end of this fall, when we will have a meeting to elect new officers. At this time Bill Erb and John Coffee were voted in as Vice Presidents.

The meeting ended at 10:25 A.M