PRIOR LAKE - SPRING LAKE
WATERSHED DISTRICT

Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District

Citizen Advisory Committee

Thursday, January 29 6:30-8:00pm

Our mission is to manage and preserve the water resources of the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District to the best of our ability using input from our communities, sound engineering practices, and our ability to efficiently fund beneficial projects which transcend political jurisdictions.

CAC Members present: Steve Pany, Liz Schramm, Joe Schramm, Roger Wahl, Jim Weninger, Adam Fitzpatrick, Larry Rundell, Paul Krueger and Kim Silvernagel

Watershed Board Members: Marianne Breitbach

Others present: Diane Lynch, PLSLWD District Administrator; Amber Brooks-Mohler, Prior Lake Green Corps; Telly Mamayek, MCWD (Guest Speaker) and Liz Weninger, LAC

I. 6:27 pm –Meeting called to Order
II. Welcome to Amber and Liz (LAC)
III. Agenda Approval
IV. Watershed Project Manager is Maggie Karshnia
V. Another position open on website – summer internship for water quality monitoring
VI. Aquatic vegetation survey is planned again for this year.
VII. Ferric Chloride Plant offline for the winter and will be ready in March.
VIII. Lake level monitoring - auto-monitoring and reading to the website.
    a. Spring Lake to Buck flow automated - Diane will check into this
IX. Carp Tournament 2015
    a. Amy Tucci and Maggie Karschnia will work with Knotty Oar
    b. District will provide prize money and ideas
    c. District will not be staffing
    d. District will be looking for volunteers (CAC & LAC)
    e. No date chosen yet.
X. Liz Weninger suggested that the District participate in the Lake Friendly program again
XI. Members were asked to look at priority items to be ranked and make any additions
XII. Flood management study recently kicked off and the first community meeting will be held on February 19
XIII. Presentation from Telly Mamayek, Director of Communication & Education at Minnehaha Creek Watershed, on their Annual Trash Clean-up
XIV. Repair of outlet channel
    a. Staff is working with FEMA and at the legislature to secure funding
XV. LAC and the Parks Advisory Committee meetings will no longer recorded and broadcast due to cutbacks
XVI. Steve will present CAC recommendations to the Board at their February 10 meeting
XVII. Steve asked for members to provide their bios.
XVIII. Recommend sending 2-3 of CAC members to attend the Minnehaha CAC meetings to see them in action. Manager Breitbach will contact them to see how they conduct their business
XIX. Carp seiner – 2nd seiner went out last year to assess (Manager Hennes arranged for the seiner)
    a. Carp Tournament Report should be on the Watershed's website
    b. Diane will add the CAC to the meeting packets distribution list

XX. 8:24 – meeting adjourned

Items captured from Ms. Mamayek's presentation:

- Used an event planner
- Budget cost $20k
- Partnered with a few organizations with main partner being Leinenkugel's
- Other sponsors are REI, Target
- Has become a tradition and grown from 600 to 1600+ attendees
- T-shirts; some had Leinenkugels logo and others did not
- Adopt-a-River thru DNR provided trash bags
- Trash dumpsters, weigh-in and pickup/disposal provided by Dick's Sanitation
- Advertised on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- Always had an honorary speaker like Amy Klobuchar
- Timed after the marathon event and just after July 4th as there is always increased trash to pick up.
- Had an area for 'educational' tables to be set up
- 3+ tons of trash collected recently
- Everyone signs a waiver
- Prizes given away
- Some challenges include; the rising cost of everything, securing port-a-potties, etc.