

PRIOR LAKE – SPRING LAKE

WATERSHED DISTRICT

Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

**Thursday, March 31, 2016
Prior Lake City Hall**

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.

The Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) consists of residents who provide input and recommendations to the Board on projects, reports, prioritization and act as the primary interface for the Board to address the current issues of concern of the local citizens.

CAC Members present: Steve Pany, Kim Silvernagel, Jim Weninger, Jodi See, Joe Schramm, Liz Schramm, Paul Krueger, Larry Rundell and Jim Goodchild

Others present: Marianne Breitbach, PLSLWD Manager and Diane Lynch, District Administrator

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:33pm
- II. Agenda approved
 - a. Legislative update added
- III. Watershed District Projects updates/Discussion topics
 - a. Water Quality Improvement Award updates
 - i. Watershed meeting presentation completed.
 - ii. Received the funding requested.
 - iii. Timeline for next steps in progress – application form in draft, events to attend to announce the program etc.
 - b. Legislative update
 - i. Reviewed fact sheet that was brought to the legislature.
 - ii. MAWD Legislature reception updates were provided.
 - iii. Lobbyist working for watershed and the upcoming bonding bill.
 - iv. We are not shovel ready on flood mitigation, but narrowed down to a few options that would be highly likely to occur.
 - c. Outlet repair
 - i. 4 different FEMA projects.
 - ii. Completed the tree portion.
 - iii. Next up is the sediment delta – engineering report done, RFPs sent out, will need to pause as the ground needs to be frozen to proceed.
 - iv. Kes crossing and Pike Lake erosion will be next.
 - v. Then other erosion areas such as the banks.
 - d. Flood study update

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- i. Focus narrowed down – some options removed.
 - ii. Targeting a July 1st completion for the Study.
 - iii. Will have a final public meeting.
 - iv. Should also have a CAC meeting devoted to this topic and its content.
 - v. Technical advisory committee met 10 days ago.
 - vi. Policy makers meeting coming up in May.
- e. Farmer-led Council
 - i. Meeting on last Tuesday.
 - ii. Soil sampling will not be subsidized.
 - iii. Will subsidize fertilizer grid or variable rate.
 - iv. Farmers are encouraged to apply for the State's Ag Certainty program.
- f. Aquatic plants
 - i. March Board Meeting included a report on curly leaf pondweed analysis. Spring, Upper and Lower Prior Lake will be treated.
- g. Consider purchase of a PLSLWD retractable banner – create one with many items on it, such as, don't dump your minnows in the lake. There is a display that can be borrowed from the SWCD with a variety of educational messages on it.
 - i. Water quality suggestions for the public – can we do a card that can be handed out at the bait shops or shops that sell bait in town? Or signage at the public accesses?
 - 1. We could also have some at Knotty Oar and the Boats R Us rental.
- h. CAC workshops/seminar cost share policy
 - i. Urban Waters Forum at Arboretum Saturday, 4/23 – Liz is going.
 - ii. List of 2016 workshops provided by Diane.
 - iii. Tuition reimbursement policy – submit request to a prior CAC meeting for approval.
 - iv. Full cost of registration provided until funds are depleted.
 - v. Receipts will be needed for reimbursement.
 - vi. Participant will need to come back with information to share with the CAC members.
 - vii. Arboretum attendance for \$25 approved.
- i. Carp management project – carp contest on 5/21 from 9-6 (subject to change)
 - i. Let Diane know if you would like to volunteer.
 - ii. Carp seining update – planned in the next few weeks.
 - 1. Seining done on Artic – photos on website.

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2. Carp barrier should be put in after adult carp go into Artic from Prior to spawn. Then possibly sein again. This would benefit both lakes.
 - j. Spring Lake shoreline restoration project – 5/21 Great River Greening (8:30 – 12:30).
 - k. Water Cleanup event on Sunday, 4/24 – 9:30 – 12:30 at Sand Point Beach Park with T-shirts, prizes and food.
 - l. LAC updates from Liz W.
 - i. Park parties are being planned.
 - ii. Joint meeting in October. May move up earlier to plan a boat ride on the lake.
- IV. Comments, suggestions, questions
- a. Spring Lake association meeting updates from Jim Weninger.
 - i. Safety buoys is not a District project, likely Sherriff dept.
 - b. Positive kudos on shoreline restoration.
 - c. Ferric Chloride is up and running.
 - d. Alum treatment – board supported Barr doing a core sample this year.
 - i. Upper Prior will have a core sampling done and analysis for possible alum treatment.
 - e. Additional Spring Lake Park shoreline restoration at Raymond Park – not budgeted yet, looking for ideas on the demo sites.
- V. Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm