

PRIOR LAKE – SPRING LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District

Citizen Advisory Committee

Thursday April 27, 2017

6:30 p.m.

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, Jim Goodchild, Jodi See, Elizabeth Schram, Joe Schram and Bill Kallberg

Others present: Diane Lynch, District Administrator: Marianne Breitbach, PLSLWD Manager; Curt Hennes, District Manager

- I. Call meeting to order at 6:30pm
- II. Agenda-additions-Approval of Agenda & March meeting minutes.
- III. Watershed District Projects update / Discussion topics:
 1. Low flow outlet gate management plan update
 - a. Policy needed updated, last update was 2011.
 - b. PLOC TAC sent updated policy to the DNR.
 - c. Takes 3 weeks for the water from Spring Lake to go to Prior Lake and drop.
 - d. Staff have to get permission from the DNR to keep the gate open beyond April 30
 2. Bog policy WD, City, County
 - a. Spring Lake Association is considering financing the bog removals.
 - b. Policy should be posted on the WD website.
 - c. The City, District and Spring Lake TS approved the same policy.
 3. Carp gates, carp location, possible carp sein, carp contest.
 - a. PIT tag scanner installed on Spring Lake by the channel.
 - b. Barrel carp barrier will be installed by the Ferric Chloride site. New type of barrier.
 - c. Carp location stuck in Mud Bay- we may bait them to get them out of that location.
 - d. Carp seining – 1-2 this year on Prior, but not on Spring since 70% are gone from last seining
 - e. Carp contest – WD is sending an email to Thane at Knotty Oar. Need to understand the status before contributing the \$2,100 for prize money.
 4. Amount of non-native aquatic plants in Spring Lake and Upper Prior Lake.
 - a. Not treating Curly Leaf in Upper PL this year, just lower PL and Spring Lake.
 - b. Contract signed today, should begin in the next few days.
 - c. Using a grant from Scott County to pay the associated fees.
 5. Clean Water Governor's Town Hall meetings.
 - a. There are 10 scheduled, with the closest at Burnsville.
 6. Arctic Lake aeration & park development.
 - a. The housing development has a paved path in that area now down to Artic Lake.

- b. WD paid for carp management, barrier and a part of the water structure and iron sand filter to protect the restored wetland.
 - c. Retrofit of a small pond near Spring Lake and Spring Lake estates....Jody thought maybe a project for Spring Lake Association to take on. Diane will check with the city to see if it is city owned or association owned.
- 7. CAC advised WD to move leaf cleanup from Sand Point Beach Park (Lack of leaves)
 - a. Other members encouraged to make suggestions and advisements.
- Report from: Leaf cleanup Sunday 4/23 9:30 A.M. Crystal Lake Park.
 - d. 1780 pounds of leaves raked and 7 dump trucks were filled with buckthorn and woody debris
 - e. City will 'rent' out a buckthorn shovel to get the roots, deposit given back when shovel returned.
 - f. Could a sign be made to announce the clean-up and by whom at the locations?
- 8. Farmer-Led Council update.
 - a. Farmers were invited to offer a reverse bid for cover crops.
 - b. 2 respondents after last Friday's deadline.
 - c. Paul Nelson and Troy Kuphal – wrote a book on conservation
 - d. Should invite someone from the Farmer-Led Council to another manager's meeting to speak.
- 9. Report from: Spring Lake Association Annual Meeting Sunday 4/23.
 - a. Diane, Steve, Curt, Jody attended
 - b. Diane provided a PowerPoint presentation
 - c. They may have some cost-sharing to offer for the District's LCCMR proposal
- 10. Raymond Park
 - a. Reviewed sketch of beach, grassland restoration.
- 11. Clean water award updates-
 - a. Jody mentioned award at Spring Lake Association meeting.
 - b. Jody also went to lakeshore restoration meeting to hand out flyers.
 - c. Also going to the Water Town Hall to hand-out flyers.
- 12. Mayor's Town Hall meeting
 - a. 3 tables: water quality, citizen participation (award), invasive species (5/4/17- 6pm at Lakefront pavilion).
 - b. Suggestions for Town Hall might be (per Steve P):
 - a. Weekends on the odd hour no wake for 1 hour
 - b. How does Eden Prairie limit the number of boats on their lake?
 - c. More boat inspections on Sand Point beach as more boats launch at that location.
 - d. Maybe have a boat area at Spring Lake estates for a sheriffs boat that can do water usage regulation.
 - e. Fee to park at Sand Point Beach provided to the DNR but cost share with WD.
 - f. Move the city rental dock to where the fishing dock is located at Sand Point – this would make the flow from boat launch to boat dock without disrupting the people fishing from the dock.
 - g. Quarry Lake – is a city lake, but there is a lake near the area that will become city-owned, could it possibly be used for wake boarding, similar to how Quarry Lake is used for water skiing? Trying to reduce the wakeboard use on PL that causes shoreline erosion.
- 13. Next meeting May 25.

IV. Comments, suggestions, questions.

- Dive the lake again this year? Likely not
- Where does the money that the city is collecting for boat slip rental at Sand Point and Watzel's beach go? To what fund?

- Combine LAC & CAC as the focus is really the same.
- The water is up, is the city ready with sandbags? Hopefully the low flow gate being open will help. The city's Enhanced Protection Plan is being finalized from the Flood Study.

V. Adjourned at 8:00 pm