

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

Thursday, April 28, 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, Liz Schramm, Larry Rundell and Jim Goodchild

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

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:31pm
- II. Agenda approved
 - a. Shoreline restoration projects were added
- III. Watershed District Projects updates/Discussion topics
 - a. Water Quality Improvement Award updates
 - i. Applications are completed and passed out for distribution
 - ii. Brochure reviewed these will be distributed
 - iii. Jody has brought brochures and applications to area events to hand out.
 - iv. If anyone is interested in attending future events to represent, please volunteer!
 - v. Jody has been in contact with local papers for publication purposes.
 - vi. Diane recommended contacting the Prior Lake Association.
 - vii. Jim W will contact the Spring Lake association and LAC.
 - viii. Post flyers at Lunds & Byerlys, Local bait shops, Sailors greenhouse, Knotty Oars, Charlies on the Lake.
 - b. Outlet repair
 - i. Downed trees are cleared out
 - ii. Maintenance trees still need to be removed
 - iii. Culvert work that needs to be done, is on the docket, but FEMA needs to approve EOR for some work, which was initially not approved.

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- iv. Sediment delta is on hold at this time. Need to wait until after a frost that can support the heavy equipment
- v. Engineer design will be done then repair will commence.
- c. CAC—naming of the carp
 - i. Bounty on carp with transmitters so, if caught, they get returned.
 - ii. Ideas to name the 5 carps? Named after the MN Twins who were in both World Series games when they won:

Kirby (Puckett) Herbie (Kent Hrbek) Gagne (Greg) Gladden (Dan) Larkin (Gene)

d. Carp Management

- i. Seining a few weeks ago on Artic resulted in 5 total adults and 2 juveniles
- ii. As a result, the Lake believed to be a nursery for carp and they come in from Mud Bay.
- iii. Carp barrier installed open at the moment to let more adults in and then will be closed so Arctic lake can be seined again.
- iv. Jim W described a gate that counts the fish going through that he saw when out west recently.
- e. Lake Use Ordinance (meeting on 4/28 at 6:00 p.m.)
 - i. Discussion around the information provided at this meeting prior to the CAC meeting.
 - ii. Meeting May 9th for a public hearing.
- f. Aquatic Plant Spring Mapping
 - i. If you have a boat and want to volunteer to track the vegetation.
 - ii. Happens 3 times a year.
 - iii. Looking to do Spring, Prior and Fish lakes.
- g. Flood Study
 - i. Engineer has provided 2 technical memos; model and options.
 - ii. City staff are ok with memos.
 - iii. Staff engineer is reviewing the materials.
 - iv. Greg put together a rationale.

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- v. Second policy meeting will be scheduled.
- vi. Then the report will go to a public meeting.
- vii. Bonding bill is slowing down due to politics.
- viii. Project not shovel ready so not at the top of the current list for review.
- ix. Looking to try to get phased-in approaches for future bond approvals.
- h. Carp contest May 21 volunteers needed 5:00-6:00pm for the weigh in at Knotty Oar
 - i. Maybe send someone to help update their website.
 - ii. Suggest to Knotty Oar to work with Charlie's to advertise.
 - iii. Electronic sign has a form to fill out for city approval to run information on the LED sign-board.
- i. Spring Lake shoreline restoration project
 - i. May 21 with Great River Greening. Volunteer list is closed.
- j. Raymond Park project
 - i. Would need to put into the 2017 budget.
 - ii. Would be a good project, very interesting for a demonstration site.
 - iii. Could the creek inlet to Spring Lake be considered for some shoreline restoration?
- k. Clean Water Cleanup event at Sand Point Park
 - i. Now May 1st due to weather reports from the original April date.
 - ii. From 9:30-12:30pm.
- 1. Fish Point Park project event
 - i. Considering a July date, but nothing scheduled yet.
 - ii. Larry lives nearby and indicates it looks great and holding the water as designed.
 - iii. Trees and bushes yet to be planted
 - iv. Diane will check with Jamie to see if any monitoring is being done.
- m. Spring Lake Association past meeting was well attended, with Diane L and Jody S presenting.
- n. Environmental buffer zone discussion
 - i. Diane will send out the information to CAC.

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- IV. Comments, suggestions, questions
- V. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.