

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

### Thursday, June 30, 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, Liz Schramm, 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. No additions
- III. Watershed District Projects updates/Discussion topics
  - 1. Water Quality Improvement Award # of applicants.
    - One applicant, outside of the District
    - Updates made to application so that notice of being in the watershed is a requirement is up front.
    - Maybe consider Cost Share projects done in 2013 since it takes 3 years to have rain gardens take hold or other cost-sharing projects that would improve water quality done in prior years would be considered.
    - Publish an article in the SCENE to promote deadline is 7/11
    - Editorial page is an idea as well to promote
  - 2. Trees in PLOC Policy
    - Downed trees work is finished and staff created a punchlist for the contractor. And those have been taken care of
    - Trees in the outlet not covered by FEMA were also taken care of
  - 3. Outlet Pipe Maintenance
    - FEMA's first estimate was low and FEMA's second estimate indicates the first estimate was too low for resetting the pipe is in progress
    - Sediment removal is still on hold waiting for the freeze

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- Rate increases to the original estimates are under review. Bids may be needed to prove the original estimates are too low
- Deadline to complete FEMA funded work is July 15, 2018
- Discussion around the life of the existing pipe and flood mitigation with 2 pipes in the outlet
- 4. Indian Ridge Park Project
  - Bid was awarded at last Watershed meeting
  - MPCA Clean Water Grant funded, including other Lower Prior Implementation Projects to keep Lower Prior off the TMDL list
- 5. Spring Lake Shoreline Restoration Project
  - Interpretive signs will be paid for by the Spring Lake Association
  - Signs about the Oak Savannah and one about shoreline restoration techniques
  - Restoration work with Great River Greening looks great
- 6. \$25 Carp Reward Signs
  - Signs are posted in three areas
  - Purpose is to encourage people to turn in tagged carp so tags can be reused
- 7. Flood Study Update
  - Watershed had a meeting today to compile items to bring to Greg at Barr Eng.
  - Timeline Tentative--Policymakers Meeting in July and public meeting in August
  - Implementation—To be determined
- 8. Carp Tournament
  - The District would like to find another money source to fund these tournaments--\$2100 plus staff time of \$900
  - Would hosting at Knotty Oar make most sense in the future?
  - 600 pounds were taken—less than the other 3 tournaments
  - Carp fisherman would like to have a night tournament
  - Maybe touch base with Cedar Lake association to see how they do their night Carp contest

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- Is this a good 'get our name out in the community' type activity?
- If the District does not fund the contest, maybe the Spring Lake and Prior Lake associations should fund the contest
- Consideration to keep the contest until it is understood where the forfeited dollars would go towards
- More of the CAC should discuss this further to make a decision

#### 9. Arctic Lake

- Small Clean Water grant from BWSR-~\$58k
- SMSC wanted to make it bigger and others who want to add to the project to make it better
- Now a \$750k project
- Carp Barrier is in place
- Scott Walz will make a presentation at the August Board Meeting

#### 10. Interseeder

- The SWCD and Scott WMO purchased a \$35,000 piece of equipment to plant cover crops between soybeans and corn to prevent soil erosion and to take up phosphorus and nitrogen which could runoff the fields
- It is available for rent

#### 11. Conservation Easements

• The District has a new intern to help with conservation easements through August

#### 12. Maggie Karschnia

Congratulations for her Masters Degree!

#### 13. Lakefront Days August 4-6

- Volunteers are need to be at the District's booth on August 5 and August
   6. Contact Diane Lynch to be on the list
- Promotional items could include magnets, business cards, etc.

### 14. Comments, suggestions and questions

 Marianne spoke about possibly installing boundary signs that depict the location of the District

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Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.