

PRIOR LAKE – SPRING LAKE

WATERSHED DISTRICT

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, Jim Goodchild, Adam Fitzpatrick, Larry Rundell, Paul Krueger and Jodi See

Others present: Marianne Breitbach, PLSLWD Manager; Diane Lynch, District Administrator and Pete Young, Prior Lake Water Resources Engineer

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:30pm
- II. Agenda approved
 - a. No additions
- III. Watershed District Projects updates/Discussion topics
 1. Watzl's beach buffer project
 - Completed in 2015
 - Katherine's visit indicates growth coming
 - Pete indicated it has been weeded a couple of times
 - When high enough it will be mowed a couple times a year for maintenance purposes (to 6 inches)
 - Silt fence will eventually be taken down
 - Less evidence of geese
 - This was a nice project to complete for the district
 - Anyone interested in viewing this area, can call Pete to have a 'guided' tour
 2. Water testing at Sand Point and Watzl's Beach
 - City materials handed out to attendees
 - Provides insight into water testing policies
 - Reviewed results from this year's testing to date and are looking good
 - More links on the city's website
 - If any lakeshore owner wanted to test, they can contact Pete and he can guide them to more information and companies who can test.

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- Turn-around from the lab for the city's testing has been ~1 day
3. Floating algae in Lower and Upper Prior
 - Three bays on Prior have had a lot of floating algae
 - Steve McComas may provide a spot analysis of these areas
 - Consideration to add information on this topic to the city's website for the public to access
 4. Milfoil
 - Steve McComas captures milfoil in his annual report
 - Historically there were grants for treating/harvesting
 - The City contributed to the District's efforts in the past but funds are no longer available
 5. 12/17 Wetland
 - Wetland seems to be functioning well
 - Large sign will be moved
 6. Materials for Lakefront Days
 - Reviewed samples Diane brought
 - There are lots of materials that can be used
 - The City will have a game at their booth
 - Steve drafted a handout on "What is a watershed?"
 7. Volunteers needed at the booth
 - Volunteers still needed for this event
 - No District booth at the Scott County Fair based on last year's participation
 - Diane will check to see if there is any parking for the volunteers
 - Diane offered some t-shirts from year's past that could be given as prizes
 - Steve had typed up information on what is a Watershed that could be made out
 - Consider going high-tech and interact with kids on their smart phones in the future
 8. Flood Study Update
 - Policy makers meeting on 9/26 with a draft of the report and which options they would support
 - Public meeting in October
 - Information on the history of this study can be found on the website

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9. Carp Management

- WSB will do electrofishing surveys in the fall
- Spring Lake will be seined in the winter
- More carp barriers are a consideration
- The CAC will discuss helping at future carp contest

10. Spring Lake Alum Treatment

- Barr will conduct a sediment core sample and then make a recommendation on alum treatment in the future

11. WQ Improvement Award

- 2 people who applied were not in the watershed
- Pete will check with Dave to make sure the link to this program is available on the city's website
- Article was in the Prior Lake American earlier in the season, Jodi will see if they can run it again
- Jodi has taken flyers around the city and had them posted
- Jodi has sent information to Scott County for the Scene
- Diane will forward the list of names to Jodi and Liz so contact of former cost-share recipients to see if they would like to apply for the award

IV. Comments, suggestions, questions

- Larry presented old maps of the lake level back to 1967
- Jodi spoke about her recent fishing trip in Annandale where a DNR person at the landing asked them very pertinent questions around the boat inspections, about how the boat leaving would be handled regarding zebra mussels and going to other lakes. This person was paid by a DNR grant that they had to staff this person to be at the lake access. Steve thought Sand Point had a person there as well

V. Meeting adjourned 8:02 p.m.