

PRIOR LAKE – SPRING LAKE

WATERSHED DISTRICT

Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District Citizen Advisory Committee

**Thursday October 27, 2016
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, Jim Goodchild and Kim Silvernagle

Others present: Kathryn Keller-Miller and Marianne Breitbach

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:33pm
- II. Agenda approved
- III. Watershed District Projects updates/Discussion topics
 - a. Water monitoring Cates creek near Charlie's on Prior. What it takes to set up and monitor inlets.
 - i. Some sites may not have good flow to monitor all year
 - ii. Jaimie did monitor a few times this creek and the phosphorous was better than most that have been monitored.
 - iii. This creek may have some water storage ponds that also help filter the water in this creek
 - b. Fall water level concerns. Are the current level high compared to other years in fall?
 - i. Seems to be high all summer.
 - ii. Spring looks to be high and feeding Upper still
 - iii. How far back are the records?
 - iv. PL outlet structure – does it freeze? If the water is flowing is likely does not freeze.
 1. This is an area that could be researched
 - c. Final public meeting flood study. Don't forget -Weds. Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
 - i. Meeting format- presentation followed by a Q&A session
 - d. Carp seining possible dates.
 - i. Which is more effective through the ice or open water?
 - ii. Participants attending did not know for certain. But thought that in the winter the carp cluster and quantity may be better during that season.
 - iii. One seiner has a net that can be used on Prior Lake, due to AIS.
 - iv. It would be a good idea to write a carp article cation on what is being done to reduce the carp on Prior Lake, especially in conjunction with the core sample results that have been recently provided.
 - e. Improving Upper Prior Lake water quality.
 - i. What Citizens can do. CAC tip sheet reviewed.
 - ii. Steve may do a presentation to the Board about the tip sheet.

- iii. Marianne spoke about a 'One Watershed, One Plan' not as one body of watershed, but the commonalities of what each watershed deals with.
 - f. Outlook for water Quality Improvement Award 2017.
 - i. Article in the PL American recently announced the winners.
 - g. Consider switching location Get Involved and Waterbodies on website.
 - i. This would help use the real-estate of the page better and increase user experience.
 - h. BWSR PRAP presentation, City water plan compliance.
 - i. What this means to the District?
 - ii. If you don't have cable; it is not as easy to 'watch' them.
 - 1. Possibly put them on You Tube?
 - iii. The BWSR presentation discussed city water plans.
 - iv. The city needs to update their plan over the next couple of years.
 - i. Fall cleanup event update. Sunday 10/30 at 9:30 a.m. at Sand Point Beach Park.
 - i. Snack & lunch provided.
 - ii. Volunteers are always welcome!
 - iii. Sign up numbers at this time ~40 interested
 - j. No CAC meeting in November. Next meeting December 15th.
- I. Comments, suggestions, questions.
- II. Adjourn 7:28 pm