

PRIOR LAKE – SPRING LAKE

WATERSHED DISTRICT

Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District Citizen Advisory Committee

**Thursday December 15, 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, Kim Silvernagle, Liz Schramm, Adam Fitzpatrick and Jody See

Others present: Marianne Breitbach; Curt Hennes and Diane Lynch

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm
- II. Agenda approved
- III. Watershed District Projects updates/Discussion topics
 1. Easements. Where are they? Status.
 - a) Place more of a priority on to easements
 - b) 2 kinds of easement; 1 for construction and the other for conservation
 - c) Review of easements in place and discuss any violations with those in violation.
 - d) Next steps is to repair the areas that came under violation.
 - e) Discussion around Spring Lake outlet to Prior Lake doesn't have an easement in place.
 - f) Conservation easements are marked, others are being marked from the mapping.
 2. MAWD presentation by Marianne
 - a) Tradeshow materials brought back for anyone interested.
 - b) Annual report materials made available
 - c) This year – Ray Bohn, lobbyist and his wife, Peg, who does the marketing, will be retiring.
 - i. MAWD did a survey to understand what the people wanted.
 - ii. Conclusion – hire full time admin and part time lobbyist + other responsibilities.
 3. Presentation by Steve
 - a) Review of content that will be presented at the January board meeting
 - b) At the last Prior Lake Association meeting, there were many complaints around water quality. So, this content may help engage in citizen responsibility.
 - c) What about including adopt a storm drain program in to the presentation? That storm water goes to the drains to the lake.
 - d) Include the insight that anyone can be a member of the PLA & SLA, not just people who live in the body of waters.
 - e) Provide suggestions back to Steve and Diane
 4. CAC minutes on website.
 - a) Can they be updated, yes! Diane will post them.
 5. Removal of debris on lake bottom prior to carp seining.
 - a) Carp sein on Upper Prior – in the area that was found to be clean of debris

- b) will be a sein on Spring as well.
 - c) A winter sein on both lakes will be done.
 - d) Diane will seek out the 'how' they determined the bottom was clear of debris.
- 6. Carp seining possible dates? Carp Contest 2017?
 - a) District would want the CAC involved in getting donations.
 - b) Knotty Oar will need to be contacted and confirm if they will be the host of the event.
 - c) CAC might be interested in helping collect donations.
 - d) Diane will contact Thane at Knotty Oar.
 - e) If at not the Knotty Oar, maybe Sand Point Beach.
 - f) Is this event value-added?
 - g) Maybe include a carp fishing contest, not just bow/arrow
- 7. Flood study. Possible water storage near ferric chloride plant.
 - a) Geis farm area, but would have some storage in a certain area. He would want a control area so the water wouldn't back up to the barns.
 - b) More research to see how much storage would be available.
 - c) Largest concern is getting the landowners to partner with the Watershed.
 - d) Other options discussed around areas that can be set up to prepare for a future flood
 - e) Possibility of having the lower flood gate open automatically.
 - f) All flood study data is on the watershed's website.
 - g) CAC would recommend the petitioning of the low flow gate 902. Or checking into getting approval from DNR in a more flexible manner-- not just at snow melt time.
- 8. Projects update: Cost share program, Indian Ridge Park & Raymond Park grant / project.
 - a) Buffer, shoreline restoration and learning center. Scheduled for 2017 at Raymond Park.
 - b) Indian Ridge was the latest project to complete.
 - c) Fish Point Park received an award from MAWD as a finalist.
- 9. Website: Suggestions.
 - a) Last meeting, suggestions were made.
 - b) CAC can go out to website and provide the Watershed feedback.
- 10. Outlook for water Quality Improvement Award 2017—Jodi See
 - a) Would like to have more applicants in 2017
 - b) Awards for 2016 were given at the recent board meeting.
 - c) Was there a budget reconciliation in 2016? Does any money left, roll over – no.
 - d) Diane will report the total spent at the next CAC meeting.
 - e) Budget approved for 2017 award program.
- 11. Project tours in 2017?
 - a) Indian Ridge and Raymond Park would be good spots.
 - b) Fish Point Park will be part of the park party.
 - c) 12/17 Cty project may be a good one to tour
- 12. Cost share contribution PLA & SLA.
 - a) Membership push to join PLA & SLA
 - b) Then Watershed could ask for cost share money
- 13. Rule changes/updates is a project that the Watershed is undertaking, but need the CAC to help!
 - a) Does the city have a water re-use plan?
 - b) Would be nice to have Pete Young come to a CAC meeting to update on the city plan
- 14. Upper Prior carp barrier
 - a) DNR has denied the request.
 - b) Maybe a smaller project doing a barrier on Crystal Cove? Likely not feasible.
- I. Comments, suggestions, questions.
- II. Adjourn 8:08 pm

