

PRIOR LAKE – SPRING LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District

Citizen Advisory Committee

Thursday May 25, 2017

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 Silvernagel, Jim Weninger, Jim Goodchild, Jodi See, Bill Kallberg and Roger Wahl

Others present: Diane Lynch, District Administrator; Marianne Breitbach, PLSLWD Manager; Curt Hennes, District Manager

- I. Call meeting to order at 6:31pm
- II. Agenda-additions-Approval of Agenda & April meeting minutes.
- III. Watershed District Projects update / Discussion topics:
 - a. Carp contest results. Carp seining outlook.
 - i. 6am Sunday, results came in-
 1. 13 teams; Killin' Time had 62 fish!
 2. Chase-n-Scales had 30 fish
 3. Force Fed had 3rd largest
 4. Back County Bow Fishin had the smallest
 5. 25.3 pounds was the largest caught
 - ii. Only 12 carp from Cedar Lake's Carp Kabob Tournament
 - iii. Thane Tandy at Knotty Oar indicated he would like to do this again next year.
 - iv. Thane may still want to host next year even if the Watershed reduces or changes any contributions.
 - v. Comparing seining with contest; the prize money was \$2100; seining costs \$5k and yielded more than the carp contest. Which is the best visibility and carp removed?
 - b. Bog on Spring Lake was handled by the Sherriff and taken to the appropriate area of the lake.
 - c. Low flow outlet gate management plan update and Spring Lake dam
 - i. Has been open since 4/25/17
 - ii. Some analysis now – low flow gate only works best when the water level is at a certain level.
 - iii. Working with the DNR on dropping low flow gate to 902.5- but not preventing its use.
 - iv. City, the District and Spring Lake Twnp – sat down to make sure everyone is on the same page regarding damming up the Spring Lake Outlet.
 - v. The City is putting their "enhanced protection plan" together—it is called the "Flood Response Policy."
 - vi. Signs are out now to indicate that the water is high and a slow wake is good (SOS).
 - vii. The City is checking on sand donations.
 - viii. The City closed the Little Prior outlet closed.

- ix. 903.9 Prior Lake 912.8 on Spring Lake.
- x. Prior Lake currently at 903.44 – may be a good time to do a dam on Spring Lake to Prior Lake soon- Modeling is being done with the District’s engineer.
- xi. Letters ready for Spring Lake, other communications ready as well.
- xii. Volume 68 cfs entering Prior Lake. 50 cfs leaving.
- xiii. Outlet channel repair is going through the permitting process. Have until July of 2018 to get the permitting done.
- xiv. A few areas one can ‘see’ the water moving down the channel (outside of the pipe).
- d. Clean Water: Governors town hall meetings.
 - i. Burnsville Oct. 4. Other meetings – quite a few but Burnsville is closest to Prior Lake.
- e. DNR request, catch and release to create a better fishery.
 - i. Make PL, SL a catch and release to create a better fishery.
 - ii. Fishing is part of the use of the lake—
 - iii. Seining last time on Spring Lake had good trophy fish so why do the catch-n-release?
 - iv. Can a lake association buy stock? If so, a permit would still be required.
 - v. IS the DNR doing enough to manage our lakes?
 - vi. More game fish will keep down the carp minnows. This should be a clean water strategy.
- f. Managers meeting WSB carp management project video.
 - i. Video viewed for this item.
 - ii. Nice to have the 3 barriers
 - iii. Info from the barrier tracking- not yet available.
- g. Fish Point Park Party is on Tuesday June 20
 - i. There will be volunteers planting tomorrow on 5/26
 - ii. Would all schools in other cities around the area be interested? What about other establishments?
- h. Impervious surfaces, impact of 400 new homes N.E. Prior Lake.
 - i. No direct flow into the lake from new developments; will go into retention ponds
 - ii. No new technology for new building and impervious surfaces. May be better for existing construction where holding ponds are not possible.
 - iii. Planning starts with city staff before ending up at the planning commission.
- i. Carp removed from Spring Lake 2,527. Carp estimate in Upper Prior 7,622.
 - i. Carp barrier is planned for the area where Spring Lake enters into Upper Prior.
 - ii. Electro-fishing is best for tagging but not removal.
 - iii. Upper will be the focus since Spring Lake is low now.
 - iv. Arctic lake SMSC has hired a seiner for this lake.
- j. Steve sent the link to the Waconia storm water resale.
 - i. Boudin’s park has something under the ground that was put in place to hold water.
 - ii. SMSC may be working on a project to recycle ‘grey’ water.
- k. Scott County applied for a grant to do aquatic inspections on Spring Lake and Prior Lake to inspect boats at the landings. So staffing at the launch sites will be staffed.
 - i. Diane will check to see if these people could let boaters know if/when we go into a no wake stage.
- l. Spring Lake Alum- need to wait for test results from Three Rivers.
 - i. Jamie is working on an Alum matrix and will present a revision at the June meeting.
- m. Street sweeping is in full force.
- n. Raymond Park – when will volunteers be sought-
 - i. Only doing a seeding now...
 - ii. Spring Lake picnic cannot be held there this year.
- o. Lakefront Days this year- need volunteers!
- IV. Next meeting June 29.
- V. Comments, suggestions, questions.

VI. Adjourned at 8:01 pm