

# PRIOR LAKE – SPRING LAKE

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## WATERSHED DISTRICT

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### Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District Citizen Advisory Committee

Thursday July 27, 2017  
6:30 p.m.  
Prior Lake City Hall

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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.

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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

#### Attendees:

**CAC Members present:** Steve Pany, Kim Silvernagel, Elizabeth Schram

**Others present:** Marianne Breitbach, PLSLWD Manager; Kathryn Keller-Miller attended in Diane's absence

- I. Call meeting to order at 6:35pm
- II. Agenda-additions-Approval of Agenda & May meeting minutes.
- III. Watershed District Projects update / Discussion topics:
  - a. Promo item-
    - i. Can the district compile a coloring book with items/projects from around our area? Word find too!
    - ii. New promo items advertising the Watershed District came in and were passed out.
  - b. Raymond Park Project update.
    - i. Happening this fall. Boat launch is a separate DNR project.
    - ii. Raymond park project led by District
      1. Turf grass was killed off and will be replaced by low maintenance grass
      2. Beach work being started
      3. Buckthorn removal will be started closer to fall; then planting can be done.
      4. What about dredging the dock area? Would need to work with the city and DNR- likely not going to be needed.
  - c. Update on carp seining net acquisitions.
    - i. Carp project tour coming up on August 1
      1. Video or pictures would be a good idea to capture for those who cannot make the tour.
    - ii. Carp on Upper Prior Lake – haven't been tracked lately; more likely to wait until fall or winter to seine.
    - iii. Still in progress; attached to a grant that is still working through the process. If approved through initial steps, then will need to be approved by the legislature.
      1. Separate net would be used on lakes with zebra mussels
  - d. Update on hiring multiple carp seiners.
    - i. Discussions with the DNR to add more options – still in progress
  - e. Aquatic plant harvester contractor activity. How much is happening?
    - i. No activity being noticed at Sand Point

- ii. Might be difficult to monitor this activity
  - iii. Always good to check to see what type of permits are needed before having someone remove weeds and even duck weed!
- f. Recruitment of CAC members.
  - i. Lakefront Days might be good to advertise
  - ii. Place advertisement
  - iii. Can it be part of the 'Welcome Wagon' (if that still exists?)
  - iv. What about the associations?
  - v. What about the businesses on the lake? Or businesses that have lake ties; i.e. Edina Realty, Bait Shop
  - vi. CAC members should write down ideas for recruitment
  - vii. When the new committee forming from parks and LAC merger, should invite them to our meeting.
- g. Governor Town Hall water quality meetings.
  - i. Burnsville on 10/4/2017
  - ii. Minneapolis on 9/26/2017 (near Theodore Wirth Park)
- h. Update phosphorous reading numbers status.
  - i. Captured by Three Rivers for the District
  - ii. Jamie asked for the numbers; may not be known until end of year
  - iii. Is the District receiving any calls about 'green' water?
    - 1. Marianne has not heard of any
  - iv. Core sample from Upper Prior Lake- results?
  - v. Zebra Mussels cutting people at Sand Point and attached to plants on Lower Prior Lake
- i. Lakefront Days booth citizen engagement strategies / handouts / promo items.
  - i. Handouts will be available
  - ii. Promo items will be provided
  - iii. Kid games "where does the water go"
  - iv. What about a poster? Hard to anchor the screen to display
    - 1. Idea maybe to have picture of Spring Lake and tell the story of carp removal and Alum treatment
  - v. Marianne asked if Jim W had a spinner that he built for the LAC?
  - vi. An idea was to demonstrate the length of the roots of Kentucky bluegrass, prairie grass etc.
- j. Water Quality Improvement Award update.
  - i. Liz still working on calling people from a list she had been given
  - ii. Jody has half of the list to call as well.
  - iii. Last meeting, we spoke about the rating of lakeshore owners – not sure where that discussion landed?
  - iv. Kathryn mentioned a 'report' card for Spring, Upper and Lower Lakes – won't be ready for Lakefront Days this year. No target date for completion at this time.
- IV. Next meeting August 31.
- V. Comments, suggestions, questions.
  - a. Marianne reminded CAC that the 'training' fund still can be used
  - b. Kathryn- when the management plan and rule plans are updated, District will ask CAC for review/insight/comment
  - c. MAWD – new bylaws passed at the summer conference. Some areas were passed for MAWD. Looking for office space... Marianne can bring the bylaws/budget (MoPP) at next meeting.
  - d. Still one timeslot open at Lakefront Days
- VI. Adjourn at 7:30 pm