Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District
Citizen Advisory Committee
Thursday, April 24, 2015

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.

CAC Members present: Steve Pany, Liz Schramm, Joe Schramm, Kim Silvernagel, Jodi See, Paul Krueger and Jim Weninger
Watershed Board Members: Marianne Breitbach
Others present: Diane Lynch, District Administrator; Bill Kallberg, LAC

I. 6:45 p.m. – Meeting called to Order
II. Approval of the agenda
III. Discussion Topics
   b. Sunday April 26, GreenCorps cleanup event review – Good turnout, 92 volunteers (72 that signed up in advance) Great success! Amber had it well organized.
      a. Bill would like to see City Council members stop by next year.
   c. Kim -CAC volunteer Advisory Group for the Storm water Management & Flood Mitigation study update – First meeting scheduled for 5/7
   d. Review of Steve’s PowerPoint presentation. Positive feedback came in. Powerpoint will be posted on the website.
   e. Adam- Review of visit to Minnehaha Creek Watershed District CAC meeting
      a. Attended on 4/8
      b. Setup is different than ours, not better, just different
      c. Engineers attended, along with a lot of technical people.
      d. MCWD hired someone to take the minutes, but the outcome is very in-depth coverage
      e. Meeting started with a report from the staff
      f. Spoke of activities like Earth Day photographs (which comes with a photo contest- members promoted through educational efforts within the schools)
      g. CAC members reported on specific projects that they were involved with
      h. Spoke about the cost-share programs. (Our watershed has the rain garden cost share program, for example.)
      i. Conversation Guidelines – Adam reviewed with meeting members.
      j. 15-20 attendees (use name plates which allows visibility of who was not there)
      k. Held meetings in the chambers
      l. List of upcoming events published – their CAC has a budget to pay for members to attend such events. Those who participate are requested to present what they learned.
   f. Site specific standard for Spring Lake outlet channel – was 40ppmTMDL; PLSLWD wants to change it to 60 micrograms/liter
      a. Last fall Total Phosphorus was 47 micrograms/liter
      b. Comments are due to MPCA on 5/5
c. Monitoring in 3 places of where there is an inlet
d. Chlorophyll A was at 14 micrograms/liter, and the standard would change to 20 micrograms/liter

Water Surface use Management rules update – no update, this is tabled for further discussion based on the comments that have been captured.

a. Will create a task force with someone on the Watershed to participate

Bog removal plan Spring Lake outlet channel –

a. Watershed’s responsibility vs. Lake shore owners responsibility
b. Weir was constructed in 1930 and is ‘owned’ by the county
c. Watershed doesn’t have responsibility
d. If on the shoreline; if someone wants to cut it loose; need permit from DNR. If you want to ‘push’ it elsewhere; that is a public nuisance.

c. In the future, it may be up for discussion and be a ‘good faith effort’ from the watershed.
f. Take-away for Marianne is to check with other districts to see if they have concerns or ways to address these concerns.

Spring Lake channel going under the bridge – complaints about the children in and around the area

a. Property owners own the lake bed
b. This property maybe public due to city’s easements. But there is no public access.

Steve suggested renaming Swamp Lake, Upper and Lower Prior Lake – for emergency purposes, it is hard to define where the emergency is located. Need 15 people to sign a petition.

a. Upper = RAE
b. Lower = RIK
c. Swamp = WAM or SPAM

May 14th, Restore Your Shoreline workshop

LAC update from Bill Kallberg

a. Flood Mitigation Study – Bill is liaison, with alternative being Liz Weninger
b. Taping their meetings – could pay the person who does other recordings overtime or Steve would train someone to do it as well.

Farmer Led Council updates from Paul K

a. Couple of farmers had soil samples taken

Carp gates for Arctic Lake is under consideration

Watershed-owned shoreline project – there are some details that need to be taken care of before the project moves ahead

Leaf cleanup options – work with the recycling plant to see if they have a street-sweeper and schedule a day or week when homeowners could rake their leaves into the street and have the sweeper pick them up for recycling.

Comments, suggestions, questions- next managers meeting is on 5/12

Adjourn – 8:04pm