Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District
Citizen Advisory Committee

February 27, 2014 6:30-8:00pm
Prior Lake City Hall
4646 Dakota Street SE Prior Lake, MN 55372

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: Adam Fitzpatrick, Paul Krueger, Kim Silvernagel, Steve Pany, Jim Weninger

Others present: Bill Schmokel, resident; Liz Schramm, resident; Meghan Litsey, PLSLWD

I. Meeting call to order: 6:34pm

II. Approval of Agenda
   A. Item added to speak about the outlet opening at Spring Lake.

III. Committee Discussion
   A. Welcome Elizabeth (Liz) Schramm
   B. Carp management update
      i. Electrofishing
         a. Only stuns the fish for a short time to allow a count to occur
         b. District staff are looking for quotes to do the work this summer
      ii. Seining
         a. Don Geyer, our assigned commercial fisherman, has indicated that he hasn’t be able to find a good school of carp because of snowmobile activity on the lake
         b. Geyer won’t seine Prior Lake due to the zebra mussels.
         c. Open water seining – will need to work with Geyer to allow open water seining, since he does not provide that service
         d. Removing carp from the electrofishing is being discussed. Would need a permit from the DNR and possibly the seining permit holder.
         e. Bounty for carp – how would you know where the fish came from? Maybe apply for a grant from the Clean Water Legacy Act to fund the bounty and then require carp catchers to sign a waiver
         f. Carp barrier between Spring and Prior Lakes. Or maybe at the entrance/exit to Buck Lake where they go to spawn.
g. Introduce more bluegill fish to eat carp eggs.

C. Lake Friendly Program
   i. Meghan is working with Pete Young at the City of Prior Lake to revive this program again
      a. Start with a survey to assess homeowner’s own yard.
      b. Have coupons to implement something new.
      c. Lake Advisory Committee are trying to promote through ‘park parties’.

D. Carp Contest
   i. Meghan – looking to set a date. Thick ice, may need to push the date out.
   ii. Looking to have Sportman’s Clubs, Spring Lake Association, Prior Lake Association and volunteers to help.

E. Staffing and Admin updates
   i. District Admin position open and the position close date is Feb. 28th
   ii. Moving updates – District office is expected to move to City Hall

IV. Committee Discussion
A. Update on items from the 1/23 follow up
   i. Flooding – City website has information on sandbags etc.
   ii. Aquatic Invasive Species signs on Spring Lake –
   iii. Carp at the SMSC recycling – likely a go, need to confirm with Al F.
   iv. CAC mission statement – do we need to re-write it?
      a. Joint meetings with the Board to discuss CAC missions and how it ties into the Board.
      b. Could meet next month an hour ahead of their Board of Manager’s meetings

v. Priority projects for 2014
   a. What programs are important that cannot be dropped or miss the target to begin?
   b. Would need DNR involvement to open the bottom weir to see if more water should be let out more than just at 902.5

V. Other Items of Interest
   i. Spring Lake Estates Boat Slips
      c. Update- LAC conducting a marina study. Are there common guidelines that the city can enforce or adopt?
   ii. Outreach at public access
      i. Signage – ask DNR to monitor Zebra Mussels at the Spring Lake landing
   iii. Other items
      a. Long range planning 2040 for the city – 4/22 public meeting
      b. State of Water Conference – 5/1 and 5/2
      c. Sportman’s Club trash removal after fish house removal on March 8th
      d. 20 new houses near Sand Point Beach
      e. Bogs on Spring Lake

VI. Adjourn – 8:00pm