

# PRIOR LAKE – SPRING LAKE

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## WATERSHED DISTRICT

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### Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District Citizen Advisory Committee Thursday, February 26, 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.

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**CAC Members present:** Steve Pany, Liz Schramm, Adam Fitzpatrick, Larry Rundell, Paul Krueger and Kim Silvernagel

**Watershed Board Members:** Marianne Breitbach and Curt Hennes

**Others present:** Diane Lynch, PLSLWD District Administrator and Maggie Karschnia, PLSLWD Project Manager

- I. 6:30 pm –Meeting called to Order
- II. Agenda Approval
- III. Introduction of Maggie Karschnia
- IV. February 10 Board of Managers Meeting  
Steve Pany represented the CAC. He suggested promoting lake irrigation and lakeshore buffers. Diane Lynch will provide details on how many lakeshore irrigation cost shares were approved by the Board of Managers in 2014. Manager Breitbach indicated that she saw a report on water pumping on the District’s website and will try to locate it.
- V. CAC bios  
Steve Pany suggested that CAC bios would be very informative to the Managers. A sentence describing CAC members’ backgrounds could be included on the website as well.
- VI. Review of CAC items/order of priority
  - a. One item in particular discussed was the lack of a clear plan for Spring Lake Bog removal
  - b. Rough fish management in lakes like carp and bull heads
  - c. Flathead catfish stocking to reduce rough fish
  - d. Appropriate staffing levels—may have been achieved with hiring a Project Manager
- VII. Storm Drain Stenciling.
  - a. Steve Pany spoke to Pete Young, the City’s Water Resources Engineer, about doing stenciling in the City. Four volunteers are needed to help
- VIII. Maggie Karschnia’s Presentation on Projects
  - a. Lower PL implementation grant- captured, submitted working plan. Infiltration pond, filter bench, iron enhanced sand filters. Feasibility study will be done – hope to reduce loading into the lake by 33 lbs. of phosphorus
  - b. Fish Point Park project – wetland restoration, will do a feasibility study, iron enhanced filters in the stream adjacent. Bid out the project comes next and then project could start towards the end of August.
  - c. Carp Tournament – Knotty Oar will host and handle a bulk of the work. Thane, owner of Knotty Oar, looking towards a night tournament for great benefit reasons. Tentatively looking at May 30 and/or 31 (one or both to be decided). A variety of prizes will be given out. He will need volunteers from CAC to help out. Next step is to approve prize money and secure insurance.
  - d. Farmer Led Council – previously Mike Kinney started the program and did some soil sampling. Maggie is reviewing his information and determining next steps. After a draft plan is prepared,

Maggie and the SWCD will meet with Jim Dubbe and Paul Krueger (and maybe a few others) to capture their perspective

- IX. Diane presented the flood study updates. Kickoff meeting was held last week. Participants can fill out comment cards and return them by end of day Wednesday, 3/4. She passed out a brochure and reviewed the project phases and committee meetings. Plan is to have study completed and results ready by August 2015.
- X. FEMA and legislature updates – so many moving parts and pieces of information to compile. FEMA has not completed the paperwork, but it appears there may be \$1.2 million available. There is also a bill moving through the Legislature that funds the repairs to the Outlet Channel for \$2.1 million in bonding.
- XI. Leaf cleanup at Memorial Park – 9 – 11am. Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers welcomed. Even afterwards, volunteers are needed to write “thank you” cards.
- XII. Prior Lake and Spring Lake Ice Clean-up. Steve Pany will check to see if the Sportsmans Club will be conducting one again this year and will let the CAC know.
- XIII. No-wake meeting next Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6-7:30 – Lake Advisory Committee and the Spring Lake Township – Same night as the next CAC (which will be held downstairs)
- XIV. Steve Pany mentioned native plant species on Upper and Lower Prior Lakes.
- XV. Comments, suggestions, questions from the attendees:
  - March 11<sup>th</sup> Minnehaha Creek Watershed meets – if anyone from the CAC is interested in attending.
  - Farmer Led Council—Paul is glad to hear the District is moving forward on this project
    - a. Paul will volunteer himself to talk to farmers about what they can do with the sample results and what would benefit the watershed.
    - b. Further discussion around results-oriented paybacks, timing of getting this started for the sampling portion.
  - District’s Land on Spring Lake (350’ of shoreline, .25 acre)
    - a. Parcel on the northside of Spring Lake – use it as a demonstration site
    - b. Steve Pany shared what Lake Volney Association did with a similar parcel they had
  - The next Flood Study Community Meeting is expected in May. The last one will be in July/Aug.
  - Carp seining – update from Curt. Ice out is best time, hoping for the ability to contact multiple seiners. Maggie is updating the District’s Carp Management program
  - Next Board of Managers meeting is March 10 at 6:00 p.m.
- XVI. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.