Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District
Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

Thursday December 10, 2015
6:00 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: Jim Weninger, Liz Schramm, Jodi See, Adam Fitzpatrick, Steve Pany, Larry Rundell and Paul Krueger
Others present: Marianne Breitbach, PLSLWD Manager, Bill Kallberg, LAC Liaison and Kathryn Keller-Miller, PLSLWD Staff

Meeting was called to order 6:03pm
I. Agenda approved
II. Watershed District Projects update
   a. Farmer Led Council update – 2 programs that had requirements to meet by this past fall. Not certain how many farmers signed up. Next meeting is coming up.
      i. Water friendly state program being reviewed
      ii. Local friendly water program being reviewed
      iii. Cover crop works better down south – works ok if farmers take the corn off early – difficult to get a cover crop established this far north, for multiple reasons.
   b. State of Water Conference coming up in April 2016
   c. Master Water Stewards information shared
   d. Funding for Clean Water Project Award (Restore Your Shore)
      i. Meeting held recently
      ii. Maybe do a joint effort with the LAC – pending LAC discussion and acceptance
      iii. Concept and idea is well-received
      iv. Some brochures already exist that could be used for this program
      v. Motion for CAC to approve to move forward with program
      vi. Many areas that could be a form of education for this program; rain garden and water restoration classes.
vii. Maybe a presentation at the manager’s meeting (2nd Tuesday)

viii. Second approval will come now that CAC has approved

e. Review: Project tour. Watzl’s Beach, Fish Point Park, Sand Point Beach Park.
   i. Watzl’s project – joint project – shoreline restoration was the first phase
   ii. Sand point Beach Park – in planning phase
   iii. Fish Point Park – joint effort, good project; drains a lot of acres, pond to filter and hold water.

f. Carp implanted transmitter project update – on website can see where the carp have been and going. This will help with future seining efforts. More tagging planned for this coming spring.
   i. If you know anyone who fishes for carp, please let them know if they catch an implanted carp, they should throw it back
   ii. Might be good to have a sign at the access.

g. Carp contest 2016-no update

h. Water retention ponds. Best practices –
   i. Are there any?
   ii. Maybe the city is responsible to clean them out
   iii. Jim has spoken to Pete and Ken about this, maybe these are on a cycle of ~10 per year.
   iv. City of Prior Lake interns this past year may have done some checking of grates and cleaning those that needed it.
   v. If notice a pond that needs attention, good to bring awareness to it.

i. Spring Lake shoreline restoration project update –
   i. Permit captured for working in the right of way.
   ii. Parcel has been surveyed
   iii. Spring Lake Assoc. would like to volunteer some time to help with this project.
   iv. Working with a non-profit to take out the buckthorn
   v. Oak trees and some basswood trees will be left for the restoration.
   vi. Any interested volunteers can contact Maggie or Kathryn
   vii. No plans for a stairs, dock etc. due to the grade of the parcel
   viii. Demonstration area of shoreline restoration potentially placed in Raymond Park.

j. Flood study update – Board meeting past Tuesday. Barr Engineering gave an update. Waiting on decision of what level to protect against. Several models and options to take into consideration.
   i. Next TAC is 12/22
ii. Advisory meeting in February
iii. Public meeting targeting March
iv. Concern now is the amount of water flowing from Spring Lake outlet into Upper Prior.
v. What can be done to consider opening the lower part of the weir - Diane and Jamie may be looking into this.
vi. Can the water flow be slowed down from Spring??

k. Outlet repair update –
   i. Tree removal of downed trees has begun. Paused for ground to dry or freeze.
   ii. Permit obtained from the DNR for sediment removal on Dean’s Lake
   iii. RFP being drafted and then will go out for bid for sediment removal.

l. Advise: What does the Citizen Advisory Committee want the PLSLWD to do?
   i. Discussion moved to next meeting

m. Year in Review 2015 – thanks given to Marianne and Kathryn for a great year!
   i. CAC should review the list compiled in early 2015 at our next meeting.
   ii. Comment from Jody for 2015 as a new member this year – she has learned so much from this group and its discussions.
   iii. Concerns from changeover of staff earlier- looking back now, the concern was never realized – new staff came on board swiftly and made positive impacts.

n. Outlook for 2016 –
   i. Can the city adopt a low impact new development water programs?
   ii. Can we push water down the aquifer? Like SMSC
   iii. Outline from Diane for next meeting of what is in the ‘planning’ stage

o. Aquatic Plant and curlyleaf pondweed on Spring Lake
   i. Study is targeted for next spring? Should be done early so treatment can be done in a timely fashion.
   ii. Harvesting curly leaf?
   iii. Can this be part of the advisement of the CAC to PLSLWD?

III. Wetland project on Cty 12 and 17 – It is complete except for signage and vegetation management

IV. Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm