

PRIOR LAKE – SPRING LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District

Citizen Advisory Committee

Thursday February 22, 2018

6:30 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: Steve Pany, Jodi See, Jim Weninger, Adam Fitzpatrick and Kim Silvernagel

Others present: Diane Lynch, District Administrator

- I. Call meeting to order 6:35pm – Chair Steve Pany
- II. Agenda-additions-Approval of Agenda & October meeting minutes. Approved minutes. Approved agenda.
- III. Watershed District Projects update / Discussion topics:
 1. Citizen engagement: Using less salt. Adam: FWS' Road Salt Symposium
 - a. Adam attended the 17th annual conference.
 - b. Some of the symposium content was not in-line with what CAC promotes.
 - c. Discussion around salt use and what is the balance of application vs. pollution.
 - d. Learning how to salt with the proper amounts and technique.
 2. Removing debris / objects from lake bottom with Lake Assns. Dive the lake?
 - a. Per Woody, Charlie's is not interested, Knotty Oar lacks parking.
 - b. These dives would help the bottom of the lake and seining.
 - c. Maybe the CAC should consider talking to the 2 lake associations.
 3. Outlet pipe condition / repairs. Jaime spoke about this at last Managers' meeting
 - a. Pipe is towards the end of its life expectancy and would be very expensive to replace.
 - b. Company was hired and because it is having staffing issues, it pays the Watershed for each day it has exceed the deadline.
 - c. Diane has the structure/outlet report if anyone is interested.
 4. Upper Prior Lake carp. Next seining? Carp contest in 2018?
 - a. Carp currently in the rocky area by Knotty Oar.
 - b. The seiner is ready to go again.
 - c. Knotty Oar will fully take over the Carp Tournament.
 - d. Carp on Spring Lake are not being monitored this winter since 25% or less are present.
 - e. Barriers are still planned for Spring and Prior.
 5. Signage Spring Lake Project, WD boundaries.
 - a. Talked about at the Manager's meeting
 - b. Marianne will research signage of other watershed districts
 6. Spring Lake Alum update, application schedule.
 - a. Checklist of things to do first is being reviewed.
 - b. Working with Barr; will need to do an RFP in the spring.

- c. Need to have the access complete or nearly complete.
- 7. Water levels / low flow gate.
 - a. There is a new procedure which allows the District to open the gate without the DNR's permission, as long as a protocol is followed.
- 8. Spring Lake outlet levels. Diane will get back to the CAC on this.
- 9. Resilient Communities Project details. Postponed to next month.
- 10. Sand Point Beach Park improvement project with City of PL, details / timeline.
 - a. Part of a big project – more information on the website.
- 11. An idea is to make theWD more visible at events with volunteers wearing a blue jacket with the District's watershed map on back.
- 12. Funding approved for 2018 Water Quality Improvement Award of \$3000.
- 13. Robotics teams – one that focuses on environmental issues...interested in funding raising to provide rain barrels to give away at lake cleanup efforts.
 - a. Steve will contact someone he knows on the robotics teams.
- 14. Congrats to Paul K for his recent award as Outstanding Conservationist by Scott County.
- 15. CWCU-The Clean-up will be on 4/22 with a backup date of 4/29. No location yet. This time we want to do hats, What should they say on them?
- 16. Next meeting March 29, 2018.
- IV. Comments, suggestions, questions.
- V. Adjourn 7:25pm