

# PRIOR LAKE – SPRING LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

## Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District

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### Citizen Advisory Committee

**Thursday March 29, 2018**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Prior Lake City Hall**

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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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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

#### Attendees:

**CAC Members present:** Steve P., Kim S., Jodi S., MariAnne Breitbach, Elizabeth S

**Others present:** District Manager: Mike Myser, Julie Myser: Prior Lake Association and Kathryn Keller-Miller, PLSLWD

- I. Call meeting to order 6:30pm – Chair Steve Pany
- II. Welcome Marianne Breitbach to CAC
- III. Agenda-additions-Approval of Agenda & February meeting minutes. Approved minutes. Approved agenda.
- IV. Watershed District Projects update / Discussion topics:
  1. Sunday's article regarding tiling on Minnesota farmlands –
    - a. The author suggested why the tiling happens without much oversight and how impactful it is to the water runoff – and the suggestion to form a citizens advisory group to help the DNR with regulating this activity.
    - b. Discussion around tracking and monitoring.
    - c. What about better tiling practices and routing where the water flows/or hold it back to let it out gradually?
    - d. Many water quality groups that do not monitor groundwater
  2. Carp seining outlook Upper Prior Lake.
    - a. Will likely not happen this winter. If everything aligns will conduct in spring in open water.
      - i. Having one seiner permitted is still being looked at by lobbyists.
      - ii. At lake Volney Steve experienced asking DNR to send someone out who would sein. If the person asked declined, then went back to DNR to get another person to contact.
    - b. Other items – carp barrier by Northwood area and Spring Lake to Upper Prior Lake channel and Fremont to Artic Lake. No dates for implementation to Northwood and Spring lake to Upper Prior Lake
    - c. Suggestion made to check and see if the water is shallow enough to use other means to capture carp when they are schooling. Seining provides more quantity vs. shocking.
    - d. Any thoughts cleaning the bottom of mud bay and then proceed to seine there?
    - e.
  3. Alum application schedule Spring Lake.
    - a. Bids are in; board will approve contractor/contract at April meeting
    - b. Planned to happen early May
  4. Steve McComas' report. Native aquatic plant comeback Spring Lake.
    - a. We did the alum treatment to help water quality
    - b. Took out majority of the carp to help water quality

- c. Per Steve, native plant come back is good.
  - d. Side note: Lower Prior has 15 native species
- 5. Raymond Park update.
  - a. Finished the work last fall
  - b. This year will be continued maintenance
  - c. Some educational interpretive signs.
  - d. Limited parking, with no means to expand
- 6. Water levels / outlet channel.
  - a. Prior Lake at 902.45 with the channel flowing and the low flow gate is open.
  - b. A few weeks ago, some culverts blocked by ice, so the city of Shakopee went out to open them up.
- 7. Sand Point Beach Park improvement project with City of PL, details / timeline.
  - a. Filtration ponds were not working the best and they will have a retro fit.
  - b. Plans to replace some of the trees.
  - c. Path up the neighborhood might be getting a redo to eliminate phosphorous to the lake.
- 8. Watershed District, general description of positions and job responsibilities.
  - a. Jeff Anderson hired and will be doing monitoring, sampling, permitting and permitting inspections.
  - b. Other positions have been re-defined.
  - c. 2 interns will come on board for the summer to work on permits and easements.
  - d. Need to make sure the updated recording of the manager's board meeting is posted to the website.
- 9. District's urban cost-share program & volunteers for our monitoring program
  - a. Precipitation rain gauge monitoring – rain and snow (melt down to measure liquid).
  - b. Aquatic plant mapping is also an option that needs volunteers.
  - c. Ice on/Ice off volunteers – especially on the smaller lakes.
- 10. Upcoming classes / events lakes and water.
  - a. Steve will be checking to see if he can register last minute to The State of Water Conference.
  - b. Restore Your Shoreline workshop is scheduled on 4/17.
  - c. Cost sharing programs are still offered by the watershed for rain barrels and irrigation from the lake.
- 11. Prior Lake Association has new board members. Julie discussed the changes.
  - a. New website
  - b. Dive the lake is trying to be revived.
  - c. April 21, from 3-6pm at the Pointe; Ice out celebration
  - d. Bouy's are part of Prior Lake Association and the Sherriff.
- 12. Spring Lake Annual meeting. 5:30-8:00 p.m. Sunday 4/22 at the Wilds club.
  - a. Prior Lake Association is consulting with Spring Lake Association to see if they can do some shared programs
- 13. Clean Water Cleanup date April 22 with alternate date April 29.
- 14. MAWD previous meeting- suggestion made to meet with their CAC and do some idea sharing.
- 15. Next CAC meeting April 26, 2018.
- V. Comments, suggestions, questions.
- VI. Adjourn 7:35pm