

# PRIOR LAKE – SPRING LAKE

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## WATERSHED DISTRICT

### Citizen Advisory Committee

Thursday May 31, 2018

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Prior Lake City Hall

4646 Dakota Street SE Prior Lake, MN 55372

Attendees:

**CAC Members present:** Kim S., Jodi S., Marianne B., Elizabeth S., Jim W., Jim G.

**Others present:** PLSLWD Outreach Specialist, Kathryn Keller-Miller; District Manager: Curt Hennes

- I. Call meeting to order 6:30pm – Vice Chair Elizabeth Schramm
- II. Agenda-additions-Approval of Agenda & April meeting minutes. Approved minutes. Approved agenda.
- III. Watershed District Projects update / Discussion topics:
  1. Alum application Spring Lake update.
    - a. On the Spring Lake Alum website can find the totals of gallons applied and other stats. [www.springlakealum.com](http://www.springlakealum.com)
    - b. Sampling was done during treatment, no issues found
  2. Spring Lake landing signs will be going up.
    - a. Suggestion to the board - General landing signage should be similar/consistent at O'Dowd, Spring Lake and Prior Lake.
  3. Prior Lake Low flow gate policy outlet channel.
    - a. Observation: October levels on Prior used to be lower than it is now
    - b. Low flow gate can only bring the level down – only 0.5 foot lower
    - c. Spring Lake is also higher than the last 5-7 years.
    - d. Spring Lake outlet used to dry up in August and remain dry until the next spring when the snow melted. Is this part of the perception?
    - e. Would an article in the paper help? Could we even find someone with the accurate insight to contribute?
    - f. Is cyclical, or does anyone have insight that can be posted on the website?
    - g. New FEMA 100 year flood levels? Pete held a meeting recently...some levels have dropped. What is the new level? Might be on the city's website. Or email Pete Young.
    - h. There is an operations manual for the low flow gate that was passed last July 2017.
    - i. Is part of the low flow gate opening changed if the Minnesota River is high? Marianne thought with the old outlet there was something in place but not any longer.
  4. CAC information brochure update.
    - a. Status now after the approval
      - i. Edits made after last meeting.
    - b. Copies were made and brought to a recent event (clean water clean-up)
    - c. Bring final brochures to next meeting
  5. Water Quality Improvement Award 2018 update – no update at this time.
    - a. Toward August will run some articles to apply
    - b. Haven't seen any workshop classes advertised

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- c. Contact Dave to see if on the website some pictures of the winners of the last year's award can be posted for further advertisement.
  - d. Spoke about a Star Tribune article around water quality and how it is hard to get back to cleaner water.
  - e. Scott County SCENE published every other month- next deadline is July
    - i. Suggest placing an article at that time.
- 6. Clean Water Cleanup date April 29, Crystal Lake Park review
  - a. Went very well and good attendance
  - b. Lot of buckthorn taken out.
  - c. 1.78 tons of buckthorn and 1.2 tons of leaves removed.
  - d. Intend to do one in the fall
- 7. Keeping the Prior Lake outlet channel clear of debris? Is it being taken care of?
  - a. Jeff is monitoring at least once a week
  - b. Monitored more often if needed.
  - c. Bank erosion repair is just getting started, but may need to apply for another extension
  - d. Are the outlet easements to cover if the land is turned into housing development – Curt confirmed that if the land is sold for development the easements go with the property.
  - e. Easements are being updated where needed.
- 8. Overview of the Water Resources Management Plan Update
  - a. Carl gave a presentation at kickoff meeting
  - b. Kathryn shared the presentation and gave a preview of the plan update process.
  - c. There will be a couple of public meeting engagements that the CAC should plan to attend. First meeting is in July (no date set yet).
- 9. Article idea- Shoreline weed control
  - a. Maybe the DNR website has some guidance
  - b. What about zebra mussels or other invasive species?
  - c. Proper handling and disposal?
  - d. Article: 10 tips to proper handling?
  - e. Kathryn provided a flyer from DNR around hydraulic jet use for weed control
- 10. Cancel July or August CAC meeting?
  - a. Cancel July so CAC members can attend the Water Resources Plan update meeting.
  - b. Discussion from the Water Resources Plan can happen in August.
- 10. Thoughts about putting a ferric chloride treatment on Spring Lake outlet?
  - a. Could we look back to see if any discussions were held in the past around this?
  - b. Would it be feasible?
  - c. Is this a good spot to install one?
  - d. Could it be in the TMDL study/plan?
- 11. Next CAC meeting June 28.
- 12. Carp monitor in the Spring Lake outlet channel – update
  - a. Has been installed at the Spring Lake outlet
  - b. Jody S provided a picture since it is by her house.
  - c. installed ~2 weeks ago
  - d. stats captured yet?

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e. U of M study on the Blue Gill- what about using this science to help? Study is still trying to understand the ratio needed for benefit.

f. No summer sein – carp are being tracked in Mud Bay but too many weeds to be effective.

13. Status of ditch riparian requirements – Like ditch 13

a. who is enforcing?

b. if no one opted in, then fell upon BWSR

c. Scott County and WD opted out.

IV. Comments, suggestions, questions.

a. County 12/17 outlet structure issues are being fixed

V. Adjourn 7:51pm