

PRIOR LAKE - SPRING LAKE

WATERSHED DISTRICT

Citizen Advisory Committee

Thursday August 30, 2018

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Prior Lake City Hall

4646 Dakota Street SE Prior Lake, MN 55372

Attendees:

- **CAC Members present:** Steve P., Kim S., Elizabeth S., Jim G.
- **Others present:** District Water Resources Assistant: Kathryn Keller-Miller, District Manager: Curt Hennes

- I. Call meeting to order 6:33pm – President Steve Pany
- II. Agenda-additions-Approval of Agenda & June meeting minutes.
 - a. Approved minutes.
 - b. Approved agenda.
- III. Watershed District Projects update / Discussion topics:
 - a. Alum application, Spring Lake. How is it looking?
 - i. The 2nd of 3 applications (spaced 5 years apart)
 - ii. Added some areas that were not part of the first treatment
 - iii. Aquatic plants are coming back.
 - iv. Cedar Lake has eradicated a lot of the curly leaf and now seems green.
 - v. Lake Washington near St. Peter is also really green this year.
 - vi. Has been a warmer summer this year.
 - b. Lakefront day booth review
 - i. Friday night held a steady stream
 - ii. Saturday was rainy, but location of our booth caught many folks coming in from the rain.
 - iii. Booth spot was nicely located in general.
 - iv. Booth looked nice with new sign
 - v. How about being in the parade next year? CAC activity? What is the cost, if any?
 - c. Debris removal possibility Crystal (Mud) Bay to facilitate carp removal.
 - i. Waiting to hear back from the DNR with how to dispose of logs, etc. that might have zebra mussels.
 - ii. Need shoreline to house the debris for 21 days while the zebra mussels 'die' out and debris can be disposed of?
 - iii. Maybe Mike Myser would have some thoughts of shoreline for debris housing
 - iv. Watershed buying their own nets? Not at this time...still in a slow discussion.
 - v. Arctic Lake has a bike bath that leads to a fishing dock.
 - d. Trash at outlet structure, illegal dumping? Keeping it clear, water flowing.
 - i. A paddleboat landed near the structure earlier this summer
 - ii. There was a busted up paddleboat at Sandpoint that the sheriff took away. But not the same one that was by the outlet structure
 - iii. Still being monitored by the Watershed. The city does help haul away veg/debris

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- iv. Larry Rundell did mention to Steve he'd like to have the low flow gate open in the early spring as he is experiencing shoreline erosion. Watershed still needs to follow the guidelines to opening the low flow gate.
- e. Jerry Mealman application for review and possible recommendation to the Board
 - i. CAC reviewed the application and provided guidance to the Watershed.
 - ii. CAC motioned to recommend bringing Jerry on to our committee.
- f. WQIA update and award amount.
 - i. Recommend dropping the award amount back down to \$250, closer to the original program's award totals.
 - ii. Liz had some potential people who may qualify and not know about the award that she will contact.
 - iii. Any date on the fall clean up? Not yet. Discussions will start soon.
- g. Training opportunities.
 - i. Diane is wondering if anyone is planning to attend any training?
 - ii. Once in a while the DNR will mail out opportunities
- h. Sand Point Beach Park Grand Re-opening.
 - i. Scheduled for Oct 3rd at 4:30pm
 - ii. Would be nice to have all CAC members there to support this event.
 - iii. Mayor and city council will be in attendance.
 - iv. 2 big drainage ponds and an iron sand filter before water is discharged to Prior Lake.
- i. WRMP Update Discussion in September.
 - i. Carl & Camille from the engineering company will be at our next CAC meeting in Sept.
 - ii. Prioritize attending this meeting
- j. Carp video (prepared by Intern Katie Sickmann)
 - i. Watched the video
 - ii. Very good project done by Katie!
 - iii. Looking to organize another winter seine this coming year.
 - iv. What about carp traps? Are they DNR approved? Maybe something to look into.
- k. Ferric chloride structure, refilling safety policy.
 - i. Last filling experienced a small spill.
 - ii. Watershed will likely update a couple of items on the safety policy.
 - iii. In general, someone from the watershed tries to meet them at the site during a delivery.
 - iv. Refill before winter hits, but the system is shut off during the winter.
- l. Big fish kill on Spring Lake recently.
 - i. Diane contact DNR
 - ii. Curt's thought -Maybe the change in temperature and windy/rainy weather caused the concern
 - iii. Kathryn spoke to DNR -they thought low oxygen levels as the lake water has been warm. If it were a toxic spill it would have affected multiple species and not just crappies. DNR thought the recent rain was colder and goes to the bottom, lowering the oxygen and may have trapped these fish in a low oxygen situation.
 - iv. How to clean this up- use as compost
 - v. U of M has a reporting area on their website to track this situation and researchers will take a look and follow up as needed.

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- m. Watershed meeting dates are on the website, replays of the meetings are not. Added cost to add videos to website? New video system has much better resolution when watching on cable at home.
- IV. Next CAC meeting: September 27.
- V. Watershed meeting is 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6pm- CAC members are all welcome!
- VI. Comments, suggestions, questions.
 - a. Kathryn brought up- cost-share for lake irrigation pumps and rain barrels; over 40 people have applied. Many hearing about the programs in the Wavelength or Prior Lake American.
 - i. CAC members very much in support of District cost-share program for water pumps and rain barrels.
 - ii. Thoughts around asking the city to cost-share if the program needs added funding.
 - iii. Can residents pump from ponds?
 - b. Carver WMO – held an event that might be worth considering. At local brewery did a water trivia event. Well received as a good idea.
- VII. Adjourn 7:50pm

PLSLWD: 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.

CAC: 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

Projects: ferric chloride treatment facility, alum treatments, carp seining, carp management program, carp mapping, carp contests, carp barriers, easement enforcement, permits, 12/17 wetland, Lower Prior Lake protection program, outlet channel, outlet channel repair, invasive aquatic plant control, NW Spring Lake shore project, lake and stream water monitoring, flood reduction plan, Farm Led-Council, partnerships with other agencies, work shops, project cost share, Water Quality Improvement Award, Fish Point Park, Raymond Park, Indian Ridge Park, Sand Point Beach Project, Watzl's Beach shoreline restoration.