

PRIOR LAKE - SPRING LAKE  
WATERSHED DISTRICT

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**Citizen Advisory Committee**

Thursday April 25, 2019

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Prior Lake City Hall

4646 Dakota Street SE Prior Lake, MN 55372

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**Attendees:**

- **CAC Members present:** Steve P., Kim S., Larry R., Elizabeth S., Joe S., Jim G., Marianne B., Jody S., Jerry M., Woody S.
- **Others present:** District Director: Diane L, Board Member: Bruce L.

- I. Call meeting to order 6:30pm – President Steve Pany
- II. Introductions to Bruce.
- III. Agenda-additions-Approval of Agenda & March meeting minutes.
  - a. Approved minutes.
  - b. Approved agenda.
- IV. Watershed District Projects update / Discussion topics:
  - a. Welcome packet for new CAC members update.
    - i. Marianne would like help in pulling in hyperlinks in a 1-2 page document.
    - ii. Liz will assist.
    - iii. Bruce would like a copy of the welcome packet.
    - iv. Final document will be sent to the board for approval.
  - b. Carp seining update. Results from Crystal Bay seining.
    - i. Open water seine is not as efficient or effective as a winter seine
    - ii. Seinners went out 2 times.
    - iii. Some fish came from an electro-fishing
    - iv. Truck to haul away wasn't available until Sunday.
    - v. Fish were taken, live, to New York.
    - vi. Baiting the fish at this time to group them together for another seine.
    - vii. If there is a good market, the watershed doesn't have to pay to seine.
    - viii. More like 6k pounds taken out.
    - ix. Carp bill is in the Senate Omnibus bill that allows watersheds to hire a seiner of their choice.
    - x. Marianne went to the Metro MAWD meeting and heard a talk about the carp bill.
    - xi. Carp Solutions uses a box type setup to bait the carp, but this is for a smaller catch.
    - xii. Depth of the water of the seining wasn't known.
    - xiii. Reviewed the 2019 carp barrier build out locations.
    - xiv. What the significance of Mud Bay 72 on the map of barriers wasn't known.
  - c. Outlet channel stream bank repair update.
    - i. Grates don't reduce water flow, but blockages can. Jeff will pull off what he can, those he can't he will call the city to have them remove the blockage.
    - ii. Having the CAC to monitor would carry liability. Would a waiver help? Not really.
    - iii. PLOC Bank Erosion Repairs – small window of opportunity, once the go ahead was provided by FEMA, work began before the snowstorm hit.

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- iv. Segments 1 & 2 (30% of the bank erosion work) was done
- v. Waiting for contractor to give us his timeline, but we were able to get an extension to the end of the year to complete.
- d. Clean Water Cleanup Sunday April 28th Fish Point Park. 9:00-11:30 a.m. PRIZES!
  - i. Fun event!
  - ii. How about 'badges' for attendance?
  - iii. About 40 people signed up.
  - iv. More buckthorn than leaves this year.
  - v. Will the pond by Fish Point Road be included? Yes, Diane indicated they could look for any garbage in the area.
  - vi. The pond next to the road, water and 'garbage' comes down the hill unfiltered, then the pond goes into the lake. The project water drains nicely as designed. Diane will check to see if the water in that pond area can be tested.
- e. Planning the WD 50th year anniversary next year update.
  - i. Looking for ideas.
  - ii. Looking for CAC to have a role in planning the event.
  - iii. Scavenger hunts, geo caching, tour projects, look at what the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District has done in the past.
  - iv. Events can be spread out throughout the year.
  - v. New watershed logo may be released at the same time. logo ideas will be brought to the CAC for feedback.
  - vi. Pelican River 50-year anniversary brochure shared by Bruce
  - vii. Capture fifty years of accomplishments
  - viii. Bring in to honor the founding members of the watershed. i.e. Mr. Dubbe/Prior Lake Association members from that time.
  - ix. Joe S has a friend who found a diary of ice out dates of Prior Lake. He will see if it can be brought in or displayed for a while.
  - x. Woody has the article of when the PL Association may have announced the watershed's inception that he can share.
  - xi. Business card of what the watershed is would be helpful to have to hand out.
  - xii. Jackets to identify the watershed members at events.
  - xiii. Anniversary t-shirts might be a great idea.
  - xiv. Next meeting should identify and organize people around activities. Determine what the budget will be.
- f. Water level concerns. High water levels. e.g.: Waters Edge street. Govt. response?
  - i. Sherriff is out on the lake, but some boaters are still creating a wake.
  - ii. Shorelines are very vulnerable at this time.
  - iii. Deputy Spencer Autenrieth is still the main contact for the lake program. Jody provided his contact number as he spoke to the Spring Lake Association recently.
  - iv. Jim G indicated that his neighbors will be prepping for sandbagging soon.
  - v. In 2014, the city delivered loose sand to Larry's address in order to easily fill and set up sandbags. If a property owner had to drive somewhere to fill and then bring back to their address, it is not time-efficient. Can the city provide delivery (at a charge)?
- g. Flood response policy.
  - i. Review of the redline draft (city recommended updates)

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- ii. CAC members should capture comments and send them to Diane. She will provide us with a date due to her.
- h. What effect is new housing-development / impervious surfaces have on lake levels. Are storm water retention ponds large enough? Example: 24 new homes NE of Sand Point Beach.
  - i. Fong's road meeting at 5pm – Steve spoke to Nick, he mentioned that developers do need to abide by the water retention pond regulations.
  - ii. Are they really the right size? From Bruce's insight, they need to meet infiltration guide lines, volume and rate control.
  - iii. Joe mentioned that over time, these should be checked as sediment can build up and impede infiltration.
  - iv. City of PL does have it built in to their program to clean out a certain number of holding ponds per year.
  - v. Sutton Lake project start date is still TBD. Plans are 90% complete, permits are next step.
  - vi. Larry was wondering if any plans to look at how to get more water out, especially if the outlet currently in place ever fails. The consultant did look at some options. Options are not cheap, but eventually need to look at a comprehensive plan.
  - vii. Solar farms being installed in the watershed south on Hwy 13, does the impervious water runoff have impact to water levels?
- i. Sat. May 4th South Metro Water Forum.
  - i. Steve P will be attending.
  - ii. Apple Valley from 9 – noon.
  - iii. Will bring back literature.
- j. Road construction. Many hours for WD staff?
  - i. State, County and City projects will need to be inspected or have oversight to make sure complying with watershed rules.
  - ii. Some interns for the summer that will be trained and help out.
- k. Carp gates location.
  - i. Can or are carp be kept out of Spring from Upper Prior Lake?
  - ii. Barrier was being planned for that area, but we don't have permission to put it in on the privately held property at this time.
- V. Next meeting date: May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019
  - a. More discussion on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities
  - b. Guest speaker, possible.
- I. Comments, suggestions, questions.
  - i. Thanks to those who keep the meetings going along.
- VI. Adjourn 8:01pm

**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

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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.