

PRIOR LAKE – SPRING LAKE

WATERSHED DISTRICT

Citizen Advisory Committee

Thursday May 30, 2019

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., Larry R., Elizabeth S., Jim G., Marianne B, Jody S, Jim W, Jerry M., Adam F., Roger W.
- **Others present:** District Administrator: Diane L., Water Resources Outreach Specialist: Kathryn K-M, District Board President: Mike M., Board Member: Curt H., Board Secretary: Bruce L.

- I. Call meeting to order 6:33pm – President Steve Pany
- II. Agenda-additions-Approval of Agenda & April meeting minutes.
 - a. Approved minutes.
 - b. Approved agenda.
- III. Watershed District Projects update / Discussion topics
 - a. CAC involvement updates from Mike M. Opportunities
 - i. Watershed would like to know what the CAC would like to take on as a project or advisory from this group. This could be any sort of research, topic etc. Be creative in your thinking and ideas!
 - ii. Feedback was provided by a few members.
 - b. Welcome packet for new CAC members-update.
 - i. Defer to June meeting
 - c. Carp seining update. Carp gates, movement. Gill nets.
 - i. Some carp are stacking up again in Mud Bay
 - ii. WSB and District staff did some electro-fishing and pulled another 3,000 pounds.
 1. Used gill nets to block off the area so they can't get out.
 - iii. Haven't schooled up to do another good netting/seining.
 - iv. Will do the same at the Geis wetland
 - v. Radio tags are still working
 - vi. Pit Tag reader – need a new place to put this- Jodi offered up her property – Diane will check into further and get back to us.
 - vii. Carp barrier by Geis wetland but needs some repair – in the plan to do so.
 - viii. What about using the carp cannon – U of M has a new 'cannon' to pull out carp- might be the way of the future! Rice Creek is in the testing phase. Can we work with Rice Creek to get updates? Called the 'woosh' system. Marianne will talk to a contact she knows at Rice Creek. WSB is aware of the 'Woosh' system but system is still in development stages.
 - ix. How about doing a stocking of fish that eat the carp minnows? Diane has a link from the study done at 12/17 wetland on this topic.
 - x. Lake south of Alexandra has done something similar, especially with the sunfish that eat the young zebra mussels.

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- xi. Does the DNR have a list of lakes with over population of sunfish and would like to have them removed?
 - xii. Best is to get rid of the carp to maintain a good fishery.
 - xiii. Carp legislation passed – Mike M provided updates.
- d. Water quality Spring and Upper Prior Lake. Outlet channel condition. Brown water particulate in Spring and Upper Prior Lakes.
 - i. Water outlet has the physical ability to go down to 901.5, would need permission from DNR. This may take a while to implement.
 - ii. Outlet channel is working.
 - iii. Brown water – Jamie R put together an article and found it was an algae. Not sure why it is happening this year. Many contributors. Continuing to observe. It is not getting any better on either lake. Diane will ask others that have done Alum treatments if they are noticing any thing similar on those lakes.
 - iv. Watershed does not put out any warnings to close the beaches. City is responsible for WQ at beaches.
- e. Clean Water Clean-Up Sunday April 28th Fish Point Park review. Adopt a storm drain program.
 - i. Park cleanup was a success! Good turnout, 50 people participating.
 - ii. CAC members can participate in the ‘adopt the drain’ – you can even name your drain! City runs this program, but the city would like to partner with us. Should be part of Lakefront Days.
- f. Planning the WD 50th year anniversary next year update.
 - i. Any plans written down? Yes.
 - ii. Ideas are being captured; other watersheds turning 50 and are doing different celebrations.
 - iii. If we want to get something in the budget, July is when the board is discussing.
 - iv. CAC should determine what events to plan and carry out.
 - v. We should set aside a large timeslot in our next meeting.
 - vi. Bring 2 ideas for 50th Celebration to the next meeting.
- g. Marianne would like to go to MAWD Conference Summer Tour Moorhead. CAC vote.
 - i. Approved.
- h. Lakefront Days booth. Questions for visitors. Need more questions.
 - i. Assignment for next meeting – bring 2 questions that can be used with their answers.
 - ii. Trivia questions from social media can be used as well.
- i. Sat. May 4th South Metro Water Forum. Comments / questions from Steve’s notes.
 - i. Steve sent out his notes previously.
- j. Sutton Lake projects update.
 - i. DNR is requiring a permit for the temporary drawdown of the lake.
 - ii. Concerns around the amphibians that live in the mud over winter.
 - iii. Will have to do some more work to get ‘the plan’ approved. The timing to start this project will be impacted.
 - iv. The concern is stemming from this lake being public and not private property.
 - v. Many facets to solve the high-water problems. This is just one of them.
 - vi. Can we use some land in the Spring Lake Park? Put in an outlet that would control the water storage there?
 - vii. Water flow from Spring is captured on the website.

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- k. Parking meter Sand Point Beach. Suggest DNR install one at boat landings?
 - i. No attendant but use a self-meter parking setup.
 - ii. Could the watershed suggest to the DNR? Steve to talk to Kirt Briggs.
- l. 2nd pipe outlet to channel, cost, viability.
 - i. \$2.8 M to install.
 - ii. If we went to 901.5 as the lower weir opening, might be more cost effective.
 - iii. Flood response draft – city proposed drafts. The city will schedule and host some public comment period. There is a Thursday newsletter (Newswire) that anyone can sign up for to get updates on what is going on (Steve will forward the link). Or the Wavelength, Prior Lake American. Contact city manager to get on notification list.
- IV. Next meeting date: June 27th, 2019
- I. Comments, suggestions, questions.
 - 1. Jerry mentioned Spring Lake is high.
 - 2. Adam – no additions.
 - 3. Larry – on the 2nd pipe outlet – would be nice to have a brainstorming or focus session or contest on multiple ideas to get water out of the lakes (Spring and Prior). Mike provided some insight that the watershed is pursuing creative solutions to pilot here locally. So, bring your ideas!
 - 4. Roger – interested in a second outlet.
- V. Adjourn 8:00pm

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, workshops, project cost share, Water Quality Improvement Award, Fish Point Park, Raymond Park, Indian Ridge Park, Sand Point Beach Project, Watzl's Beach shoreline restoration.