

PRIOR LAKE - SPRING LAKE

WATERSHED DISTRICT

Citizen Advisory Committee

Thursday December 12, 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., Jodi S., Adam F. Marianne B., Christian M., Larry R
- **Others present:** Board Member: Curt H., District Administrator, Diane L.

- I. Call meeting to order 6:32 pm – Chair Christian Morkeberg
 - a. Introductions- Chair Christian Morkeberg and attendees
- II. Agenda-additions-Approval of Agenda & October meeting minutes.
 - a. Approved minutes.
 - b. Motion to amend the agenda and approved.
- III. Additions to the agenda – please ask Christian to include future items on the agenda prior to the meeting. They should be related to the CAC’s goals for 2020.
- IV. 2020 Possible CAC Activity Areas –Goal is to have short updates at each CAC meeting and have some really good progress at the 3-month mark. CAC members should prepare a Fact Sheet on the topics and then review them with the CAC and request approval, prior to presenting it at a Board meeting.
 - a. Diane will provide CAC members with a Fact Sheet format that can be used to prep for presentations.
 - b. Shoreline Restoration (Water Quality) -Jodi is interested. She will reach out to see if maybe Liz would be interested.
 - i. How does the permitting work?
 - ii. What are the regulations; do they need to be updated?
 - iii. Who inspects the work when it is done?
 - iv. Are there new techniques to share?
 - v. Pete Young from the City may be a good source of information.
 - vi. Take the opportunity to educate what you can and/or should do
 - c. Fish Stocking (Water Quality & AIS) – Steve and Christian are interested
 - i. Northern Pike Stocking
 - ii. Christian provided insight into some research he has done on local area lakes.
 - iii. Muskies is not the recommended fish to stock
 - iv. Currently Walleye is the fish used for stocking local lakes
 - v. How does the shoreline and the urban restoration impact the natural fish habitat?
 - vi. Each lake (Upper, Lower, and Spring) are each ecologically different and that should be considered separately
 - vii. If this moves forward into action, an article should be written and published in the PL American, on the Watershed website etc.
 - viii. Have the DNR come to discuss fisheries with the CAC and open the meeting to the public
 - ix. Bring it in as a 50th Anniversary item in 2020; make it part of our education outreach.
 - d. Storage Assessment, Plans and Wetland Banking (Storage)
 - i. Diane will provide copies of information provided at the October tour

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- ii. Duck's unlimited wetland has good water quality
 - iii. Land and easements will be needed for water storage
 - iv. Any corporate farms in the watershed? Probably not.
 - v. MPCA may have some programs, grants or loans.
 - vi. Diane mentioned some past studies may provide benefit to the planning.
 - vii. Are there any large corporations who would like to 'sponsor' any work to have their name associated to the project?
 - viii. Are there new techniques to tiling the farm land to reduce the water dispersing into the Ditch 13?
 - ix. How to change the regulations around tiling?
 - x. Can ditch 13 be modified?
 - xi. Can the vertical tiling be used in new urban development?
 - xii. Diane indicated that EOR revised its engineering on the Sutton Lake project and with the permission of the DNR, may be able to substantially increase the storage capacity
- V. These are administrative Activity Areas
- a. Grants/Fundraising
 - i. Are there more grants available? Are there consultants who can be hired to assist?
 - ii. Are there any owners of large companies who live in the area who might be willing to participate in any donations?
 - iii. CAC could research grants that might be available.
 - b. 50th Anniversary- Marianne and Kim
 - i. What about a dunk tank at the Lakefront days with some visibility of 'bad' items in the water that impact water clarity?
 - ii. New logo – the Heron with the cattails chosen.
 - iii. Other items from previous CAC meeting minutes can be considered.
 - c. Bylaws
- VI. Wrap up of the MAWD meeting
- a. Christian provided a few take-aways he had.
- VII. Kim attended the December Board meeting and reported on the following:
- a. Low flow gate will be open until it hits 902 and will the District may seek DNR approval to open it up earlier in the spring.
 - b. Carp management updates – District is going to purchase our own net to use for seining
 - c. Diane mentioned that the district already owns a boat to use as well
 - d. MPCA website has information around chloride use as an emerging issue
- VIII. Summary of CAC activities since 2014
- a. Steve provided an overview of activities since 2014
- IX. Next CAC member to attend the January board meeting needs to be identified.
- X. Other and Next Steps
- XI. Next meeting is January 30, 2020
- XII. Adjourned 8:04pm

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

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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.