



CAC Meeting Notes

Thursday, June 25, 2020
6:30-8:00 PM

Prior Lake City Hall
Parkview Meeting Room

Attendees:

CAC Members: Jim W., Woody S., Christian M., Matt N., Christopher C., Kim S.

Board Members: Curt H., Bruce L.

District Staff: Kathryn K-M.

- I. 6:30 pm: Welcome and Call to Order—Chair Christian Morkeberg
Introduced new member – Matt Newman
- II. May Meeting Minutes Approval (emailed) – motion carried.
Approval of the Agenda – Motion to approve carried.
 - i. Jim – had comments about the creek between Spring and Upper Prior Lake and how it fits into the Watershed plans.
 - ii. CAC members – ask Spring & Upper Prior homeowners to provide a “thanks” and shout outs to the Watershed for work to improve WQ
 - iii. Suggestion for 50th Anniversary: Complete a five-minute drone of the Watershed start thru end – and discuss the works of the Watershed.
- III. CAC Business:
 - Discuss subcommittee membership for Matt N.
 - Joined shoreline restoration sub-committee
 - 2021 CAC budget requests
 - Jodi’s presentation on AIS/Signage might be a good area to add.
 - Scott Co WMO- may approach Watershed and want to partner in a joint venture around the AIS/inspection.
 - Discussion about number of boats on Prior Lake. Lake is very busy. Limiting the parking at access points is not limiting the boats launched- Is the DNR monitoring the quantity of boats being launched? Who is responsible? What should be done? Are they supposed to manage the ramp access? On some lakes when the parking is full; the ramp is closed. What is the policy? Christian has a contact at the DNR he can make a call and inquire.
 - How to monitor personal property owners against renting out private boat slips - City is upping enforcement this year.

- Committee discussion between Board, Staff, and CAC members – consider having a yearly joint meeting to discuss progress and future plans, exchange ideas, etc.
- CAC should make recommendations – what sub-committees want or need money in 2021?
 - Fish stocking
 - 50+1 celebration
 - Shoreline restoration, etc.

IV. June Board Meeting - CAC Member Report – Christian

- Update on the Alum treatment on Spring (3rd treatment of 3 planned) and Upper Prior (1st treatment of 2 planned)
- Application was successful and within timeline.
- Both lakes are a lot clearer – will continue to monitor over time.
- Fish stocking presentation by Christian –
 - Help the fisheries and combat the carp
 - Reviewed trends – decrease in bluegill and largemouth Bass
 - Board said yes will fund up to \$10,800 minus contributions from two lake associations & (possibly) rotary club.
 - Stats compiled are very interesting- should do a baseline survey prior to stocking; then at a point in the future after the stocking to measure and add to the stats that can be analyzed in the future.
- The Board recommended doing the shoreline restoration and shoreline scoring to support stocking- There is a shoreline cost-share program to bring into consideration with the shoreline restoration.
- Board approved Matt N as a new CAC member.
- Discussion of carp management plan and how cost effective and effective has it been. There is a nice area on the website for people to get involved & volunteer for the carp program.
 - The Board is committed to supporting carp management.

July Board Meeting Attendee – Jodi

August Board meeting Attendee - Woody

V. Staff Project Updates

- Carp volunteers need to sign up on the website or email Kathryn. Tracking the carp; bating; training carp off of your dock; or sign up to be a carp spy- Can this be made into a science project if future classrooms become virtual again?
- SWCD shoreline and prairie workshop held in June as a webinar. It was able to be recorded and posted to the workshop page on the Watershed website- good for future educational purposes!
 - Next webinar is on native prairie planting- July 23
- Couple of carp traps set up in targeted areas – the carp activity has lessened so traps have been pulled. Looking towards fall prep on larger carp removals.

- Alum treatment effectiveness will be tracked/monitored thru Sept- then November results will be available. True water quality will be in the future and understanding the sediment changes, will need the core sample.

VI. Subcommittee Reports

- 50th Anniversary (Kim)
 - Boathouse event postponed
 - Hike the Watershed brochures – interns helping to finalize.
- Fish Stocking (Christian)
 - Recap & Update from Board Presentation in June
- AIS/Signage (Jodi)
 - Present to Board in July
- Shoreline Restoration (Jodi, Christopher)
- Storage Assessment, Plans and Wetland Banking (Christopher, Woody, Jim)
 - Call will be set up to set up will subcommittee members.
 - Stormwater management study – file is available and sent out to CAC by Christian to review
 - Upper watershed study in progress. Feedback will be available by end of year.
 - 10-year management plan is almost wrapped up and ‘final’. From the plan – what are the priorities? The CAC could discuss and provide feedback on storage projects.

VII. Goals & Topics for July Meeting

- Prior Lake & Spring Lake Association, Facebook – send thank you to the Watershed for their efforts.
- Drone prices from Bruce L. for possible watershed video (SWCD has a drone)
- Creek between Spring and Upper Prior. –
 - Outlets are critical part of the Watershed
 - District does not hold any easements at this time, it would be DNR to start with who have ‘authority’ if any concerns present. Is there a need or benefit to research this area further?
- Discuss the budget further – CAC bring ideas of money you might want
- Updates from DNR and how the control access to the lake – Woody/Christian
- Sub-committee updates

VIII. Staff & Other Announcements

- None at this time.

IX. 8:03 p.m. Adjourn