



CAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 28, 2020
6:30-8:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Christian, Christopher, Woody, Ben
Staff: Kathryn. Board members: Bruce and Curt
Guest: Lisa Quinn, Supervisor Spring Lake Township

- I. Convene meeting – 6:30 pm
- II. Minutes & Agenda
 - a. December Minutes approved
 - b. January Agenda approved
 - c. Schedule for 2021 meetings reviewed
- III. CAC business:
 - a. Bylaws Review: Discussed proposed changes to be reviewed and voted on at February CAC meeting. Proposed changes or addendums included: officer election annually in January with next election January 2022. Officer terms begin in February. Member term length 3 years, no term limit, members can reapply. Committee must have a minimum of 5 committee members. Notification of meeting should be posted on district website at least two days prior meeting.
 - b. Review of 2020 CAC activity & plans for 2021 (see notes at end of minutes):
 - i. 50 year anniversary celebration of watershed by Marianne, Kim, Jodi, and Kathryn. Included 50th anniversary brochure and the Hike the Watershed challenge and map. These were well received, will continue to be used in 2021.
 - ii. I-LIDS system for boat launches to prevent AIS in lakes was researched by Jodi and presented for the board. Funding for pilot program was approved and is planned at Spring Lake access area in 2021, final contract being negotiated.
 - iii. Fisheries in Spring and Prior Lakes were researched using DNR data. Trends presented to the board by Christian. A stocking of bluegill and walleye is planned for 2021. Bluegill have decreasing numbers and are beneficial as they eat carp eggs and walleye is the most popular game fish. The watershed received financial support from the local community including PLA, SLA and PL Rotary.
 - iv. Subcommittee with Woody, Christopher, Jim, and Christian did evaluation of upper watershed storage and pollution reduction options with review of watershed management plan, flood control study and five possible options proposed by Wenck. Subcommittee continuing to follow watershed board discussion, decisions and implementation of the blueprint recommendations for upper watershed.
 - v. Research on muck digesters presented by Matt and Christopher to clean sediment and clean lakes and streams. Further research pending to clarify regulations and design specific project proposals with costs.
 - vi. Planning a work group in 2021 to review shoreline regulations and give recommendations on lakefront shorelines to withstand erosion including environmental benefits of including natural vegetation and preserving existing

- native vegetation. Both Spring Lake Township (Melissa Hanson, Lisa Quinn) and PL City (Pete Young) are willing to participate.
- vii. Goal to recruit more members to the CAC in 2021.
- IV. Staff Project Updates
 - V. Board Meeting Report - CAC Member Report of January Meeting – Woody
 - i. Staffing updates – Maggie is temp District Administrator, interview process ongoing.
 - ii. Discussion on carp program activities
 - iii. Upper Watershed Blueprint, Wenck
 - a. February 9th Board Meeting Attendee – Ben
 - b. March 9th Board meeting Attendee - Christopher
 - c. Sign up needed for rest of 2021 Board meeting dates. Kathryn sent out sign up list.
 - VI. Staff Project Updates:
 - a. Carp seine planned on Upper Prior Lake 1/29/21, hoping to seine Spring Lake this winter if carp group up
 - b. Ben offered to have sensors record passage of tagged carp at his home on channel between SL and PL. Work with Jeff and Shauna. Discussed SMSU may recycle caught carp.
 - c. Reviewed Dec 15 workshop for homeowners by SWCD on best use of salt management for the winter season. Goal to reduce chloride pollution. Available for viewing on YouTube.
 - d. Final interviews of candidates for District Administrator planned 2/2/21
 - VII. Board Liaison Updates & Requests to CAC – Bruce
 - a. Carp seine planned for Jan 29 on Upper Prior
 - b. Upper Watershed Blueprint – five potential projects are outlined in report.
 - i. During discussion, Christopher noted that stated goal for the plan is to reduce flooding on Spring, Upper Prior and Lower Prior Lakes but plan currently only lists the flood reduction that would be achieved on Prior Lake (not Spring) for each project.
 - c. Board retreat – held in January to discuss plans for 2021.
 - VIII. Subcommittee Reports
 - a. AIS/Signage: I-LIDS update – Watershed staff finalizing contract for system.
 - b. 50th Anniversary (Kim) – no new updates. Committee will be retired since anniversary is past.
 - c. Fish Stocking (Christian) – no new updates
 - d. Shoreline Restoration (Christopher, Matt) – area for larger CAC focus in 2021.
 - e. Storage Assessment, Plans and Wetland Banking (Christopher, Woody, Jim) – Update on Upper Watershed Blueprint
 - IX. Topics and Goals for Next Meeting:
 - a. Review participation in subcommittees, set goals, recruit more members, elect new secretary.
 - X. Staff & Other Announcements
 - XI. Adjourn: 8:08 pm

Upcoming Meetings:

- Board Meeting: Tues, February 9, 6:00 pm
- CAC Meeting: Thurs, February 25, 6:30 pm