



CAC Meeting Minutes

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

Virtual Meeting via Go To Meeting

Attendees: Christian, Ben, Jim
Staff: Kathryn
Board members: Bruce, Curt, Steve

- I. Convene meeting – 6:30 pm
 - a. Started with only 2 members of 6 = 33%, not quorum
 - b. Jim arrived late, 3 of 6 = 50%, still not quorum
- II. Minutes & Agenda
 - a. January Minutes approved
 - b. February Agenda approved
- III. CAC business:
 - a. Elect new secretary
 1. Ben was nominated to do this and accepted
 2. Will need to be approved by the committee at the next meeting with quorum present
 - b. Review CAC Bylaws revisions
 1. Do we need to add a termination clause? Discussed and decided we'd consider it and could make another update in the future.
 2. Jim motioned to approve bylaws as amended. 2nd by Ben
 3. Voted, passed with 4 votes (Chris by e-mail for Quorum)
 - c. New CAC member recruitment
 1. Maureen Reeder is potentially interested
 2. Lisa Quinn – Spring Lake town board – not eligible, on a different board
 3. Curt suggested contacting Chamber of Commerce. Discussed talking to many other lake associations and townships.
 4. Ben will ask county extension to add a CAC member request in newsletter
- IV. Board Meeting Report
 - a. CAC Member Report from February Meeting – Ben
 1. Staffing updates – Maggie is temp District Administrator, interview process complete, hired Joni Giese as the new District Administrator
 2. Discussion on carp program activities
 3. Upper Watershed Blueprint, Wenck
 - b. March 9th Board meeting Attendee - Christopher
- V. Staff Project Updates - Kathryn
 - a. New Administrator – Joni Giese
 - b. New Staff member – Patty Dronen
 - c. More carp removal
 1. Prior Lake – 3000 lbs removed by Knotty Oar
 2. Spring lake – 6000 lbs of carp removed last week
- VI. Board Liaison Updates – Bruce

- a. Upper watershed plan reviewed
 - 1. Spring Lake flood elevation issues need to be verified if it got added to plan
 - 2. Discussion to get more review from Jim, will connect with Christian offline to discuss concerns since the plan was discussed at the January CAC meeting which Jim missed
 - 3. Feb 9th latest version? Asked Kathryn to send it out again.
- b. Board Retreat Jan 9th, will get CAC a copy, they include an outline of future projects that CAC may be interested in
 - 1. 12 items, discussed and made action item priority list
 - 2. CAC needs to review/digest

VII. Subcommittee Reports – come up with goals for 2021

- a. General:
 - 1. Need more CAC members to staff these committees, working on recruiting more.
- b. AIS/Signage (Christian, Ben):
 - 1. I-LIDS contract finalized and signed
 - 2. 2021 goal: pilot at Spring Lake, CAC will follow the progress of this project, installation, review of results and effects, discussed some options to help make the project successful.
- c. Fish Stocking (Christian)
 - 1. 2021 goal: follow up on various plans and help make sure permits get filed when they to be.
 - a) Planning to stock in spring 2021 (bluegills where carp are spawning, and walleye from the boat launches), need to get permits submitted in time, coordinate walleye stocking with DNR, donations from rotary and lake associations.
 - b) Other info: DNR may be due for some stocking (they track numbers and stock up to the recommended #'s (every other yr) – based on a past “walleye sustaining” program (they may have missed previous year deliveries from budget issues over past few years), bluegill #'s will be based on fisheries assessment (bluegill eat carp eggs), bluegill population has dropped since historical numbers.
- d. Shoreline Restoration (Christopher, Matt): larger focus in 2021
 - 1. 2021 goal: pending, do Christopher, Matt have time for this?
 - 2. Should Ben join this one? – Christian suggested Ben help put together some guidance/feedback, lookup info, it is a well defined project from the Board.
- e. Storage Assessment, Plans and Wetland Banking (Christopher, Woody, Jim)
 - 1. Upper watershed projects
 - a) Briefly discussed, reviewed 5 projects/programs
- f. Other Topics
 - 1. Update on muck digesters – Christopher/Matt
 - a) 2021 goal: present to CAC, prepare a report for the board including: costs, pilot projects, and further details.
 - 2. Raymond Park (owned by City of Prior Lake) update - video – Christian
 - a) Spring lake Assoc. asked for video on Raymond Park, Christian and others worked on it. Restoration project sponsored by watershed district and worked with City of Prior Lake and Spring Lake Township on this. Spring Lake township also wants to use the video, etc. and tie it into shoreline restoration project and education of community.
 - b) Restoration project included native oak savanna restoration with removal of invasive buckthorn and seeding of native plants; seeding of low maintenance turfgrass; addition of a walking path; and some shoreline

restoration. City will maintain restoration project. Volunteers from the neighborhood are helping with maintenance and removing additional buckthorn at the park.

- c) Discussed future plan of park, Jim wanted to know if Prior Lake had a defined plan for the park and land and that the plan was being implemented/followed, and does the plan/agreement with city meet all needed watershed guidelines? The restoration project is noted and included in the City's new Master Parks Plan which was just completed.

VIII. Goals & Topics for Next Meeting

- a. New Administrator (Joni) will attend and introduce herself.
- b. Jeff Anderson to present on carp and fish stocking (15-30 min +10 min Q&A) – 2020 review and 2021 plans for Carp management
- c. Next meeting virtual motioned by Jim - 2nd, Ben - passed
- d. Try to get Chris and Matt to present something on muck digesters if time, otherwise wait until April

IX. Staff & Other Announcements

- a. Bylaw updates added Term Length of 3 years (no limit for re-applications).
 - 1. Result: need to apply "Term start dates" for existing members
 - 2. Decided to split in to 2 groups of three starting years: 2019, 2020, and hope to fill a future third group of 3 starting in 2021, each will be three-year terms starting in April of that year and ending in March 2022 and 2023, respectively.
 - a) **2019 group - Term ends March 2022:** Christian (joined in 2019), Woody (joined in 2019), Jim (reapproved in Jan 2020)
 - b) **2020 group - Term ends March 2023:** Christopher, Matt, Ben (all joined mid-2020)

X. Adjourn at 8:04 pm

Upcoming Meetings:

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