



PRIOR LAKE SPRING LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

CAC Meeting Minutes
8/26/2021 6:30-8:00 PM

Attendees:

CAC Members:	7 of 10 members present = 70%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christian Morkeberg (Chair)	<input type="checkbox"/> Woody Spitzmueller
<input type="checkbox"/> Christopher Crowhurst	<input type="checkbox"/> Matt Newman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Weninger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Burnett
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Tofanelli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loren Hanson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maureen Reeder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Hagen

Staff: ☒ Joni Giese (District Administrator)

Board members:

☒ Bruce Loney (CAC rep) ☒ Curt Hennes

Guests: Lisa Quinn, Spring Lake Assoc. (SLA)

- I. Meeting called to order: 6:35 pm by Chair Christian Morkeberg
- II. Minutes & Agenda
 - a. June and July Minutes approved Motioned: Maureen, seconded: Jim, passed
 - b. August Agenda
 1. Christian suggested postponing water clarity report by Matt
 2. Ben suggested adding subcommittee realignment discussion
 3. Christian suggested adding Milfoil updated
 4. Jim suggested adding weeds discussion
 5. Approval (as amended): Motioned: Loren, seconded: Jim; Passed.
- III. Water Quality Presentation
 - o Lake Plant Removal Cost-Benefit presented by Matt Tofanelli
 - Plant removal is a method to remove phosphorus (P) from lakes
 - Not meant to replace alum treatments, but to be used together
 - Report Matt looked at compared plant removal based on cost per lb. P removed
 - 116,000 lbs. weeds removed, dried, and measured P = \$300/lb. P removed
 - Alum treatment compared in report was: \$220/lb. P removed (locked away)
 - o PLSLWD has been doing alum for \$96/lb. P removed
 - Once removed, need to find a place to put the plant matter, can be used for fertilizer (newer regulations make this a bit difficult)
 - Comments:
 - Jim reported this had been done in the past, some of the costs were pushed to homeowners, plants were dumped on fields for fertilizer
 - In 1980(?) Dick Osgood released a report about Spring Lake having such a high buildup of P, that he wouldn't bother studying again.
 - Question: how long does Alum lock away phosphorus?
 - In hot late summer (Aug/Sept) some trapped P released (from Alum)
 - CAC generally liked the idea, should pursue
- IV. CAC Business
 - o Joint Meeting Debrief (Christian)
 - Success, we should do yearly
 - Discussed yearly timing, budget and Levy deadline is Sept. 15 every year, so budget is completed by Sept and being finalized in July, so July or June would be good timeframe for joint meeting.

- Could have 2 joint meetings a year (Jan and July?)
- Chamber Fest Debrief (Joni & Christian)
 - Went well
 - Discussed ways to improve communications with the public and residents
 - Plan ahead next year, have 50th anniversary flyers, hike the watershed maps/flyers, more flyers or posters about “What we’ve done”
- CAC Project Definition & New Process Template-Draft: 6/24/21 (Ben)
 - Ben presented latest, some suggestions made, see attachment
- New member orientation packet update (Loren)
 - Collecting files and acronyms, planning a draft for next meeting
- V. Staff Project Updates - Joni
 - Budget Process Update
 - Fall PLOC Tour – Mon Oct. 4th 1-4:30 pm
 - Hike the Watershed – guided hikes (9:30 – 11:00 AM)
 - Aug 18 (Spring Lake Regional/Arctic Lake)
- VI. Aug. Workshop Meeting – CAC Member Report – Matt T
 Aug. Board Meeting – CAC Member Report – Christopher (previously emailed)
 - September Board Meeting – attendee: Ben
 - Ben will send out Board meeting sign up for the remainder of 2021 (see attached)
- VII. Board Liaison Updates & Requests to CAC – Bruce
 - CAC line item in budget needs to be added (has been in previously)
 - Increased the PLOC easement through Whispering Waters development/properties.
 - Budget and Levy final discussions (due Sept. 15)
 - Staff replacement plans
 - Board presented a lake friendly award at the FLC (Farmer Led Council)
 - CAC discussed and suggested someone from CAC start going to the FLC meetings. Joni wants to talk to FLC first to make sure they are fine with it.
 - Maureen volunteered to go pending approval.
 - May become new CAC agenda line item
 - Lots of updates planned for 2022
- VIII. CAC Subcommittee Reports
 - Discussed re-alignment (see attachment, and possible alignment below)
 - Shoreline Restoration (Loren, David, Jim)
 - Low-water and high-water problems
 - Landscaping, rules, regulations, ideas, sustainability
 - Lake-Life and Water Quality (Christopher, Matt N, Maureen, Matt T)
 - Muck digesters, fish stocking, etc.
 - Storage, flooding [and drought] (Woody)
 - Storage Assessment, Plans and Wetland Banking
 - AIS (Christian, Ben)
 - Staff reported that some of the suggestions from Christian and Ben from the visit/tour last month were put in place. Ben drove thru before meeting and reported the Spring Lake access I-LIDS looks good after DNR approved locals could help with weed control in rain garden around I-LIDS device. Other ideas are pending for public education.
 - Lisa from SLA talked about a new spring lake initiative to spend money to help remove milfoil found on the lake. After finding milfoil last month they started pulling and found more than expected. They are working with DNR on paperwork for removal and process, etc.
- IX. Goals & Topics for Next and future Meetings

- State of public access ramps, from “power-loading” causing gravel and sand buildup and causing problems for smaller boats
- Idea: 15 min. subcommittee meeting prior to full CAC meeting
- Re-assess the VP position to switch to a committee “whip” to help track/push subcommittees
- X. Other Topics & Announcements
 - Lisa from SLA stated SLA will have some board member openings soon.
- XI. Adjourn
 - Motioned: David, Seconded, then passed
 - Adjourned at 8:04 pm
- XII. Upcoming Meetings:
 - a. Board Meeting: Tues, September 14, 6:00 pm
 - 1. Workshop starts at 4:00 pm
 - b. CAC Meeting: Thurs, September 30, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Minutes submitted by: Ben Burnett