

Comfort Lake – Forest Lake WD CAC meeting – Notes 10/6/15

Attendees:

- Bruce Anderson (Comfort Lake)
- Chris Mann, Jerry Grundtner (Forest Lake)
- Curt Sparks and Jack MacKenzie (Sylvan Lake)
- Sam Hathaway (Bone Lake)
- Kathy Blomquist (Audubon Society – lives in Chisago County)
- Mark Peterson (City of Forest Lake)
- Mike Kinney (CLFLWD)
- Angie Hong (EMWREP)

Review purpose of committee:

- Tasks:
 - Elect / appoint officers (Jerry to be Chair & Curt to be Co-Chair)
 - Schedule meetings
 - Discuss issues pertinent to watershed
 - Review projects
 - Report to board
- In addition to the CAC roles and responsibilities laid out in State Statute, the group agreed that conducting education was a critical function of the CAC.

Frequency of meetings:

- Monthly – though perhaps cut back later once the committee is more active. No less than quarterly. 1st Tuesday of the month – 6pm.

Attendance at Board Meetings:

- The CLFLWD board meeting will be sent to CAC members. Jerry suggested that CAC members might take turns attending the meetings to ensure there was always representation from the group.

Review and decide on list of actions, projects or programs to provide comment on:

- Communications – a report and proposal prepared for CLFLWD by Laura Jester was reviewed
 - Where are improvements needed?
 - Might Laura be retained to assist the CAC in some capacity?
- Education
 - Children's education – Curt expressed a strong interest in doing more
 - Outreach to neighbors – talk to shoreline owners; neighborhood based outreach
- Shoreline cost-share program

- CLFLWD modified their program to calculate cost-share based on pounds of P – even for shoreline projects (early 2015). Board has now reverted back to the original cost-share formula (50% up to \$2500)
- Need to develop an approach to ice heaves on Forest Lake
- There could be a wider array of projects and activities that people could do on their land & shoreline property (Gregg Thompson’s original program included turf management, tree care, etc.)
- Input on the CLFLWD Management Plan update and CIP
- Input on the 2016 budget (6% levy increase proposed)
 - \$805,000 levy (Total Budget - \$2.6 million); \$1.2 million from grants
- Review 2017 CIP projects
- How to ensure that development protects water quality? Potential for larger areas of land to set aside for regional benefit (instead of small parcels for each development). Create a vision for the community. What’s in the City of Forest Lake Comprehensive Park Plan.
- AIS program – know more about it and get involved as appropriate.

Subcommittees:

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| 1. Communication Plan | JG |
| 2. Shoreline cost-share program | JG BA |
| 3. 10 Year CLFLWD Management Plan | |
| 4. Budget 2016 and beyond | |
| 5. CIP 2017 projects by 05/01/2016 | CS KB |
| 6. Education plan | JG CS AH |
| 7. Park plan | CM JM KB |
| 8. AIS program | JG CM BA |

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 3 – 6pm