

**MEETING NOTES OF THE
COMFORT LAKE-FOREST LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019**

Present: Bruce Anderson, Curt Sparks, Jack MacKenzie, Tom Furey
Others: Jessica Lindemyer, Blayne Eineichner (CLFLWD Staff)

1. Watershed Activities Update

a) Administrator's Report

The August 22nd Administrator's report was handed out to the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) members present. Watershed Assistant, Jessica Lindemyer, highlighted several items from the report providing the Committee with an overview of the August 26th joint workshop, water hyacinth discovery, and upcoming MAWD Awards. Ms. Lindemyer noted that the District will be hosting several events in celebration of the 20th anniversary of establishment including a District Tour on the 21st and open house on the 23rd. The Committee was reminded of upcoming September meeting dates for the Board of Managers.

b) Other

Ms. Lindemyer provided the Committee with an update on the recent staffing changes and introduced Blayne Eineichner who started with the District August 30th in the new position of Project Coordinator. Mr. Eineichner introduced himself to the Committee providing a brief background on his professional career. The Committee welcomed Mr. Eineichner to the District and took a few minutes to introduce themselves.

Committee member Tom Furey inquired about the purpose of the Shields Lake Alum Treatment Project ordering taking place at the September 5th special meeting. Ms. Lindemyer noted that project ordering is the formal process through which the board announces its intent to implement the project and take comments from the public on said project.

Ms. Lindemyer informed the Committee that a local Girl Scout troop has reached out to the District regarding opportunities for a "take action" project. She noted that the girls seem most interested in creating a promotional video for adopt-a-drain. She will let the committee know if the troop needs volunteers or further assistance of which the Committee members could provide.

2. CAC Roles and Responsibilities

This agenda item was last discussed at the August Committee meeting with consensus that Committee members would come to the September meeting prepared to pick their individual roles. Committee member Jack MacKenzie started off the discussion by stating he would like

to continue being involved in the District's adult education efforts and implementing the annual Turf Talk sessions. Curt Sparks indicated he would continue to be involved in reviewing and participating in the water monitoring and CAMP programs, education efforts as they are associated with the Jeffers Foundation, and provide comments on projects. Tom Furey expressed interest in reviewing technical reports and prioritization matrices as well as assisting in the implementation and promotion of the new DIY Monitoring program. Bruce Anderson noted that he is still undecided regarding the specific roles he would like to play within the Committee.

3. 2019 Committee Initiatives

Ms. Lindemyer provided a brief update on the Adopt-A-Drain program, stating that the welcome kits and lake-specific signage for 50 drain adopters. The welcome kit includes informational materials and a yard sign which states "We protect Forest Lake".

Mr. Sparks provided the Committee with an update of the District's discussions with the Jeffers Foundation. He briefly recapping the recent discussions between the watershed district, school district, and the foundation. Mr. Sparks reminded the group that while the discussion being had are very promising, this partnership is still in the very early stages and that he will continue to provide the Committee with updates. The committee expressed their enthusiasm for this partnership and the potential it has for the community.

There was discussion among the Committee regarding the new DIY monitoring program and the protocols that are being developed. Both Mr. Furey and Mr. Sparks agreed that the District needs to have a clear understanding of the purpose for this monitoring program in order for it to be successful. Both Mr. Sparks and Mr. MacKenzie expressed interest in learning more about the DIY Monitoring program and becoming volunteers.

4. Election of Chairperson

Over the past several meetings the CAC has chosen to defer the election of a Chairperson until such time that a member is interested in the position. There were no volunteers for the position. The item will be brought forward again at the September meeting.