

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 18, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER. A regular meeting of the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, April 18, 2019, by Chair Joe Baker at Maple Plain City Hall, 5050 Independence Street, Maple Plain, MN.

Present: Joe Baker, Independence; Brenda Daniels, Loretto; Caitlyn Cahill, Maple Plain; Pat Wulff, Medina; John Tschumperlin, Minnetrista; James Kujawa, Hennepin County Environment and Energy (HCEE); Brian Vlach, Three Rivers Park District (TRPD); and Amy Juntunen, JASS.

Also present: Scott Johnson, Medina.

2. AGENDA. Motion by Daniels, second by Tschumperlin to approve the agenda as presented. *Motion carried unanimously.*

3. CONSENT AGENDA. Motion by Tschumperlin, second by Cahill to approve the Consent Agenda:

a. March Regular Meeting Minutes.*

b. April Monthly Claims/Treasurer's Report.* Claims total \$4,362.95.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. OPEN FORUM.

5. ACTION ITEMS.

a. 2019 Projected Work Plan.* Baker asked Staff to create a policy for city applications for financial assistance for non-CIP project/study implementation such as SWAs. Item C-Groundwater will be removed. The CAC will meet on an as-needed basis, not annually. Motion by Wulff, second by Daniels to approve the 2019 Work Plan with the changes noted. *Motion carried unanimously.*

b. Final Draft 2018 Annual Activity Report.* Motion by Daniels, second by Cahill to approve the 2018 Annual Activity Report as presented. *Motion carried unanimously.*

c. Maple Plain Comprehensive Plan.* Staff has one required change in language to note they will adopt the watershed standards and requirements. Staff also recommended the City include the gully project on a future city CIP, listing the Commission as a potential funding option. Motion by Daniels, second by Wulff to approve the Maple Plain Comprehensive Plan. *Motion carried unanimously.*

6. OLD BUSINESS.

7. NEW BUSINESS.

Preliminary 2020 Operating Budget. Baker thanked John Fay and Tschumperlin for participating in the budget meeting. Baker reviewed the proposed budget and noted he would draft a cover letter giving some background about the change in budget for use by Commissioners at City Council meetings. Motion by Tschumperlin, second by Daniels to approve the 2020 operating budget and member assessments as proposed. *Motion carried unanimously.*

8. WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN.

9. STAFF REPORT.* Poor dissolved oxygen levels in Ardmore Lake resulted in a fish-kill, mainly carp and bluegills.

The consultant will check dead fish in the channel to see if any are tagged carp. The pit tag station in the Ardmore channel to track carp movement has been moved to allow direct electric access rather than reliance on solar panels.

Water quality sampling begins next week. Staff will note potential fish kills and expects to find them in Spurzem and Half Moon Lakes.

The Baker Park Ravine project will be advertised for bids in mid-May.

TRPD received an application for construction of a waterski course on the west end of Lake Sarah fronting TRPD property. Some concerns are that additional boat traffic coming to the lake may overwhelm the AIS watercraft inspection hours.

Kujawa noted some road reconstruction proposed for Minnetrista that will likely be approved administratively, the completion of a wetland violation restoration, and recent calls received referred to member cities for potential WCA violation and flooding issues.

10. EDUCATION.

Baker noted he would like to see the Watershed Game at a future meeting or event in 2019. Juntunen will bring a copy of the Lake and Stream versions to the next meeting and give an overview of the game to Commissioners.

11. GRANT OPPORTUNITIES.

12. COMMUNICATIONS.

13. COMMISSIONER REPORTS.

a. **Wulff** noted the Lake Independence Citizen's Association (LICA) annual meeting will be held May 4, 2019 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Vlach has been invited to speak re lake vegetation, zebra mussels and carp. Two professional anglers live on the lake and will also be giving presentations. There will be an ice cream social prior to the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Wulff will send a notice to all Commissioners to invite them to the meeting.

b. **Medina.** Johnson is working on finalizing the two Ardmore projects selected for 2019 watershed-wide funding. A new work plan is likely as the proposed filter bench for the pond is not likely to work.

c. **Baker** stated the Shriners sent a letter regarding a wetland on their property flooding and infringement on their land. The Shriners are requesting the city and watershed to perform a study as they are losing critical horse pasture. The City will engage their engineer to look into the issue after Kujawa provides historical aerials for the site. The wetland basin was drained in the 1930s-1940s, but was restored in the late 1990s. However, it is no longer draining properly.

The City of Independence sewer system was designed to replace failing septic systems on Lakes Sarah and Independence. The system is on the agenda for the next Council meeting as Independence residents are paying the highest sewer fees in the state as the system is very costly to maintain.

d. **Tchumperlin** noted that Minnetrista has held strategic planning meetings and that stormwater ponds came as the number two priority topic. The City will work on updating information to specify entities responsible for pond maintenance.

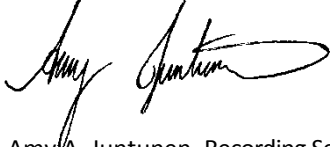
e. **Cahill.** Mike DeLuca and John DeLong were recently appointed to fill vacancies on the City Council. A special election is scheduled for August. Maple Plain is finalizing plans and working on drainage issues at Veterans Memorial Park.

14. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. The **next regular meeting** is scheduled for May 16, 2019. Due to several expected absences, the meeting may be canceled if there is no pressing business.

15. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business, motion by Tschumperlin, second by Daniels to adjourn. *Motion carried unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:45. p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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