



Nine Mile Creek Discovery Point

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## CAC Meeting Minutes 4/3/19

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### Call to order

Staff liaison Gael Zembal (Education & Outreach Coordinator) called the meeting of the Citizen Advisory Committee of the 9 Mile Creek Watershed District to order at 6:30, April 3, 2019 at Nine Mile Creek Discovery Point, 12800 Gerard Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55346.

CAC Members present: Cal Johnson, Roger Bildsten, Scott Jordan, Rich Koechlein, Charlotte Lefebvre, Jenifer Prince, Bob Prince, Nolan Hasselbalch, Maressia Twele, Ember Kapitan

CAC Members absent: Roger Willette, Kim Herzog

Nine Mile staff present: Lauren Foley, Erica Sniegowski, Gael Zembal, Grace Sheely (Board liaison)

### Updates

- CAC Bylaws and Code of Conduct finalized, approved, and signed by members
- Cost share grant funds not utilized go back into the general fund can be re-allocated to another project or used for another purpose
- At a future meeting, discuss cost share policies on shoreline buffers and restoration projects

### Cost Share Grant Applications

Erica Sniegowski, Program and Project Manager, gave an overview of the cost share grant review process. Discussions were held on each of the 10 applicants. Recommended projects will be presented to the board for approval at the April meeting. The following projects have been recommended to the board for funding.

#### **Jean David – Raingarden in Bloomington - \$1,960**

This project is to support the creation of a residential raingarden and will support the Winchester Pond project efforts. CAC has some concerns with actual plan of raingarden. Need re-submitted design plan.

#### **Heather Collen – Raingarden & Swale in Hopkins - \$3,500**

Project entails the installation of a native plant raingarden, native plant vegetative swale, and a speed bump on the driveway to route water that would otherwise flow into the storm sewer. Some on the CAC appreciated the uniqueness of the project and its location in Hopkins.



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### **Desi Creswell – Shoreline restoration in Edina - \$4,608.75**

Project is for lakeshore restoration that would convert non-native plants into a native landscape, promote soil stability and aid in runoff control. Project looks great but CAC had concerns on using cost share funds for turtle log, and that item was not funded.

### **Joanna & Ben Accola – Rain garden & restoration in Bloomington - \$2,610**

Project will convert existing front yard into a rain garden and native plant habitat. Would also aid in mitigating runoff to the wetland behind the house. CAC has some concerns on lack of final planning, requests that more formalized plan be submitted.

### **William & Meredith Davis – Shoreline restoration in Edina - \$3,915**

Project will install native plants to create shoreline buffer.

### **Ron & Stephanie Rasley – Shoreline restoration and buffer in Edina - \$5,000**

Project will establish shoreline buffer to aid in filtering runoff into Lake Cornelia. CAC approved the request.

### **Heidi & Dan Niziolek – Permeable paver driveway in Bloomington - \$0**

Project requests funding to install permeable paver driveway and assist in mitigating some of the water runoff that would support the Winchester Pond Project. The CAC has concerns on this project to protect water quality and did not approve funding.

### **Zachary Forsyth – Native habitat restoration in Eden Prairie - \$1,800**

Homeowner borders wetlands near Discovery point trail and would like to remove invasive plants on eastern half of property. Would be replaced with native plants.

### **David & Amanda Simons – Buckthorn removal and native plant restoration in Edina - \$0**

The CAC noted concerns that this a landscaping project and did not fund.

### **Maria Ryan – Native habitat restoration in Minnetonka - \$4,332.16**

Project would remove invasive buckthorn and restore native plant species along with a pollinator garden. Some CAC members thought the application was excellent and well thought out.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.