



# Citizens Advisory Committee Agenda and Minutes

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May 27, 2020

6-8 PM

Microsoft Teams

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## 1. Call to Order

### a. Members present:

Megan (intern), Roger, Scott, Ember, Rich, Charlotte, Joshua, Beth, Bob, Gael, Kim, Tim, John, Manager Sheely

### b. Members absent: Stephen

## 2. Cost Share Grant review committee presentation

### a. Charlotte Lefebvre

#### i. Stats available through her presentation -

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1PbF6-hSOtnAw9Kj0bhIh1oHah4I9WuG8osHZvhpwmg/edit?usp=sharing>

1. Zickerts - projects on Lake Cornelia, final project limit reached
2. More of the projects were in Edina and less in Hopkins this year. Hopkins Plaza is a bigger ticket project.
3. Credit was given to 9 Mile Creek for organization of applications and figures accordingly.

## 3. Best management practices presentation

### a. Rich Koechlein - Water In Motion, BMP presentation given

- #### i. Harvest and Reuse - types :
1. potable
  2. non-potable
  3. rainwater
  4. gray water
  5. storm

#### ii. Need for irrigation

1. Surface Ponds, Irrigation Ponds with pump houses example: Eagle Valley Golf Course in Woodbury (private water),



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Prestwick Golf Course (municipal water), Spirit of Branjen Farms (created a new 'irrigation water utility')

2. Estimated at \$1/ gallon for the cost of the projects.

iii. Tanks and Cisterns

1. Examples: Don Shelby's house, Margaret A Cargill building, Mission Hills

2. Future -- Water works parks in Mpls (where Fuji Ya was, 1 acre).

#### 4. Education updates

a. Microsoft Teams webinars, 'Live Events'

b. June 16th - Nature Photography Basics Webinar

c. School videos

i. Finding macroinvertebrates: using a color chart

<https://youtu.be/a6P5F7TldUM>

ii. Finding macroinvertebrates: using a dichotomous key:

<https://youtu.be/YB7BOQ7AO40>

iii. Turbidity tube (or water clarity): [https://youtu.be/wXJW\\_uTmYo0](https://youtu.be/wXJW_uTmYo0)

iv. Water Quality testing: [https://youtu.be/zhQaH5\\_bYk4](https://youtu.be/zhQaH5_bYk4)

v. Making your own dip net from Richardson Nature Center:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8s-jit5SiU&t=2s>

d. Goal of 1 per month 'social distant' learning opportunities.

i. One challenge is the registration numbers for these aren't necessarily indicative of the actual attendance.

#### 5. Project updates

a. Building updates will include 2 new office spaces, ground is broken 2 weeks ago, rain garden dismantled, foundation laid.



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- b. Discovery Point - Randy or one other person will still be in the building typically for the time being. Building is not officially open but the grounds are and packages can be picked up or delivered with coordination of staff.
- c. Lake Cornelia - Alum Treatment completed, which will help address high phosphorus levels
- d. Non-profit projects - 6 projects total on 'Current Projects Page', lead by Erica with support from Master Stewards doing outreach work.
- e. "Capital Improvement Projects" - District pays fully because they probably would have been cost prohibitive for the non profit partners. Churches will take on upkeep after a couple years.
- f. Goldfish Project - District awarded Hennepin County grant for goldfish management - people will track, keep watch and possibly start to catch. Still researching solutions.
  - i. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Strategy - District managers, staff, and consultants working on future rapid responses to new AIS infestations.
  - ii. Working with DNR, BWSR and Army Corps for permits and key partnerships.
- g. Call for educational suggestions with regard to Covid precautions. - Have a mid summer meeting to discuss ideas further (ie virtual learning).

**Please fill out doodle poll for next meeting time:**

<https://doodle.com/poll/6t2hnk2bnppngpv7>

### **Upcoming meeting dates to remember:**

Thursday, October 1: 6-8 (Photo Contest Review)

Thursday, November 19: 6-8

### **Upcoming events:**



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May 28: Sustainable Lawns

([ninemilecreek.org/whats-happening/upcoming-events/turf1/](http://ninemilecreek.org/whats-happening/upcoming-events/turf1/))

June 16: Nature Photography Basics Webinar

([ninemilecreek.org/whats-happening/upcoming-events/nature-photography/](http://ninemilecreek.org/whats-happening/upcoming-events/nature-photography/))

July 21: Writing Nature Nearby (RSVP coming soon)

([ninemilecreek.org/whats-happening/upcoming-events/writing-nature-nearby/](http://ninemilecreek.org/whats-happening/upcoming-events/writing-nature-nearby/))