

PRIOR LAKE-SAVAGE AREA SCHOOLS

Young students dig in the dirt while pitching in for Arbor Day

By Joanna Miller
CORRESPONDENT

Students grabbed shovels and dug in during a combined Earth Day and Arbor Day event at Jeffers Pond Elementary School recently. The Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District invited the entire student body to lend a hand with an all-day tree planting project on the school property.

Members of the watershed district, Kestrel Design Group and Minnesota Native Landscape educated students about the environmental benefits of trees in preparation of Arbor Day, April 25.

Mike Kinney, district administrator for the watershed district, said the project began as an effort to replace trees from previous work at the site and to reach out to students.

Organizers coordinated planting an area closer to the school and away from the creek shoreline.

"We've done some other restoration work out here,"



STAFF PHOTOS BY JOANNA MILLER

Jeffers Pond kindergartners Lacey Letourneau and Matthew Coyle, both of Prior Lake, assist with tree planting on the school grounds Wednesday.

Kinney said. "It's a replanting of those that didn't survive."

The planting offered an opportunity for young conservationists to get hands-on experience.

Students as young as

kindergartners helped plant more than 300 trees at the site.

Many of the children told volunteers they plan to come back to the school to check on their trees in the future.

Some also gave their trees

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Mike Kinney
District administrator
Prior Lake-Spring Lake
Watershed District

names, including “Woody” and “Molly the Maple.”

During the process, the students learned more about trees' impact on the environment, too.

"There is more and more evidence that trees in urban areas provide a storm water quality benefit," Kinney said.

Few people realize the water-quality benefits trees offer for area streams and lakes, Kinney said.

The benefits of trees to provide wildlife habitat areas and to improve air quality are more commonly known, he said.

In urban or suburban areas,

Kinney said trees offer a benefit to bodies of water because they reduce storm water runoff.

Kinney said trees can absorb water, thus reducing the amount of water running off concrete or impervious surfaces.

Tory Christensen, a landscape ecologist with Kestrel Design Group, said the team moved the project uphill from the original planting site along the shoreline.

Students planted Bur and Red Oak, Sugar Maple, Hackberry and River Birch trees.

"That's what's growing in the forest around the school here," Christensen said. "We're just copying nature."

While working with a large group of students wasn't the most efficient way to plant the area, Christensen said it was the most rewarding.

"One girl told me she wants to come back to see the trees when she goes to college," he said.

The weather provided Kinney with an example for how the trees will help down the road.

He said solid surfaces

warmed by the sun heat rainwater that runs into area tributaries and water bodies. This increases the overall temperature of these bodies of water and impacts wildlife and water quality.

"It's artificially heating some of the water bodies," Kinney said.

He also noted that water that runs into storm drains doesn't go to a treatment plant; it pours directly into local water bodies. At most, he said, some water goes through holding ponds before making it into major lakes and rivers.

"It's a direct connection to the nearest body of water," Kinney said. "Everything that goes down the storm drain goes right into a river or lake."

With energy bills on the rise, Kinney said an additional benefit to trees in urban or suburban areas is the shade they provide. Electrical bills for cooling can be reduced by strategically planting trees to block sunlight hitting one's home, he explained.

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Signature: JoAnn Day
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Minnesota Statutes Chapter 333
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Date Filed: April 25, 2008

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required as a consumer protection, in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

1. State the exact assumed name under which the business is or will be conducted: D B Home Repair

2. State the address of the principal place of business. A complete street address or rural route and rural route box number is required; the address cannot be a P.O. Box. 13147 Meadow Lane, Savage, MN 55378

3. List the name and complete address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name or if the business owner is a corporation, provide the legal corporate name and registered office address of the corporation: Dennis G. Beckman, 13147 Meadow Lane, Savage, MN 55378

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Signature: Dennis G. Beckman
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952-403-6421

Date: 04/21/08
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
City of Savage, Minnesota
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed proposals will be received by the City Council of the City of Savage, Scott County Minnesota, at the office of the City Clerk, Savage City Hall, 6000 McColl Drive, Savage,

Minnesota 55378 until 10:00 a.m. on the 27th day of May, 2008 and will be publicly opened at said time and place by two or more designated officers or agents of the City of Savage.

Said proposals to be for a Class A Engine Pumper Truck and Chassis. All bids shall be sealed in an opaque envelope which shall be clearly marked "Bid on City of Savage "Pumper" Truck and the name of the bidder. All bids shall be accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, bidders bond or certified check payable to the City of Savage for not less than Ten Percent (10%) of the bid amount. Each bid must be signed by the manufacturer of the apparatus proposed.

Bid forms and specifications may be obtained at the Savage City Hall, on the City's website www.cityofsavage.com, or bidders may request that these materials be sent via mail by calling 952.882.2660. The cost of the specifications will be \$22.75 per State of Minnesota guidelines (0.25 cents per page).

The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals, waive irregularities and informalities therein and further reserves the right to award the contract in the best interest of the City.

Joel McColl,
Fire Chief

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
DSC GARAGE
4540 Tower Street S.E.
Prior Lake, Minnesota
Independent School District #719 will receive single prime sealed bids for DSC Garage until 2:00 PM local time on May 20 2008 at the District Services Center, 4540 Tower Street SE, Prior Lake, Minnesota, 55372, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bidding documents, including the Proposal Form, Drawings and Specifications, will be on file at the Offices of the Architect, Wold Architects and Engineers, 305 St. Peter Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102. (651) 227-7773; at the Minneapolis Builders Exchange; Builders Exchange at St. Paul; McGraw Hill Construction/Dodge Plan Center; Reed Construction; iSqFt Plan Room (Brooklyn Center); and from PlanWell at www.ersdigital.com.

Mankato Builders Exchange. This project includes: Wood frame storage and garage and mechanical and electrical work.

Engineering Repro Systems, 2007 E. 24th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55404 (612) 722-2303, facsimile (612) 722-3745, will provide complete sets of the Bidding Documents to prospective bidders and subcontractors. The copies will be available about April 25, 2008. Both a deposit check in the amount of \$70 and a non-refundable check in the amount of \$30 made out to "Independent School District #719" for each set ordered are required or Bidding Documents may be ordered via the internet at www.ersdigital.com and clicking on the PlanWell icon, then the Public Plan Room icon, select DSC Garage. The following information must accompany the deposit: Company name, mailing address, street address, phone and facsimile numbers and type of bidder (i.e. General, Mechanical or Electrical Subcontractor to General, or other). A refund of \$70 will be sent to prime contractors who submit a bid to the Owner and subcontractors for each set (including addenda) returned to Engineering Repro Systems Imaging in good condition within ten (10) calendar days of the award date, subject to the conditions of AIA Document A701. Refunds will not be given if the plans are returned to the Architect's Office.

Make proposals on the bid forms supplied in the Project Manual. No oral, telegraphic or telephonic proposals or modifications will be considered. Submit with each bid, a certified check or acceptable bidder's bond payable to Independent School District #719 in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Performance Bond.

Bids may not be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after the scheduled time of opening bids, without the consent of the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to accept any bid or to reject any or all

bids, or parts of such bids, and waive informalities or irregularities in bidding.

The Owner requires Substantial Completion of the project on or before August 29, 2008.

Board of Education
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT #719
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City of Savage
Notice of Hearing
Rescind Rezone for
Holiday Hollows

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Savage, Scott County, Minnesota, will meet in the Council Chambers of the Savage City Hall, 6000 McColl Drive, Savage, Minnesota, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, on Thursday, May 22, 2008 to consider rescinding Ordinance 613 approving the rezoning of the property from R-1 Low Density Residential to PRD - Planned Residential District as part of the Holiday Hollows Preliminary Development Plan/PRD-66 for the subject site, described as follows:

Outlot A Hare Addition AND Lot 2 Block 1 Hare Second Addition

The consideration to rescind the rezoning is due to the expiration of approvals for the preliminary plat and preliminary development plan as they are only valid for one year from date of approval by City Council. Because the property was rezoned to Planned Residential Development as part of a planned unit development, the Planning Commission will consider rezoning the property to the R-1 Low Density Residential, the zoning that existed prior to preliminary plat approval.

All interest persons are herby notified to be present at said time and place, and they will be heard.

Terri Dill

Senior Planner
(Published in the Savage Pacer on Saturday, May 10, 2008; No. 2765)

City of Savage
Notice of Hearing
Xenwood Avenue Area Street and Utility Improvement Project
City Project No. 07-28

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Savage, Scott County, Minnesota, will meet in the Council Chambers of the Savage City Hall, 6000 McColl Drive, Savage, Minnesota, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, on Monday, May 19, 2008 to consider improvements to the following streets and associated utilities within the City of Savage: Xenwood Avenue from 126th Street to 124th Street
126th Street from Xenwood Avenue to east terminus
125th Street from Xenwood Avenue west approximately 225 feet
124th Street from Xenwood Avenue to east terminus

All interest persons are herby notified to be present at said time and place, and they will be heard.

Date: May 6, 2008

Ellen Classen,
City Clerk

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT 719
PO BOX 539

Prior Lake, Minnesota 55372

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Education

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District 719 was called to order by Chair Shimek in the board room at the District Services Center on April 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Shimek led the board and those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Anderson, Francis, Lind, Murray, Pratt, Shimek, Ziemann, Student Representative Bruns

Administration Present: Superintendent Westerhaus, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Allen-Mastro, Director of Human Resources Massaros, Director of Business Affairs Nash

A motion was made by Mike Murray, seconded by Tom Anderson, to approve the agenda, as amended.

Motion carried: 7 - 0
A motion was made by Eric Pratt, seconded by Chris Lind, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

a. The check/wire transfer disbursement summary.

b. Cash reconciliation reports for February 2008.

c. Minutes from the regular school board meeting on March 10, 2008 and the work session on March 10, 2008.

d. Resignations as follows: Complete list on file at the district office

Donations as follows: Complete list on file at the district office

Motion carried: 7 - 0
LAKER PRIDE ** Special Recognition ** Showcase

Chair Shimek called for anyone wishing to address the board during the open forum segment on the board agenda, and there were none.

A motion was made by Tom Anderson, seconded by Chris Lind, to approve the appointment of Jim Dellwo as Director of Operations/Transportation, as presented.

Motion carried: 7 - 0
A motion was made by Eric Pratt, seconded by Dee Dee Francis, to approve the appointment of Eric Rodine as Activities Director, as presented.

Motion carried: 7 - 0
A motion was made by Dee Dee Francis, seconded by Eric Pratt, to approve Julie Siegle as the Assistant Principal as Hidden Oaks Middle School, as presented.

Motion carried: 7 - 0
A motion was made by Mike Murray, seconded by Tom Anderson, to approve the following candidates for employment, as presented by Director of Human Resources Massaros:

Certified Staff:

List on file at the district office Educational Support Staff:

List on file at the district office Motion carried: 7 - 0

A motion was made by Chris Lind, seconded by Eric Pratt, to approve the following leave of absences, as presented by Director of Human Resources Massaros.

List on file at the district office Motion carried: 7 - 0

A motion was made by Eric Pratt, seconded by Dee Dee Francis, to approve the following retirement with gratitude for their service, as presented by Director of Human Resources Massaros:

List on file at the district office Motion carried: 7 - 0

A motion was made by Diane Ziemann, seconded by Mike Murray, to approve the following recommendations for employment contract non-renewals for 2008-09 for various reasons including program reductions as follows:

Paula Baragary, Tracy Borgen, Joanna Milo, Jessica Rau, Jaime Dahl Worm, Jason Muhl, Deborah Wech, Sam Reynolds, Kelly Lundquist, James Nelson, Janet Hillmer, Tania Connolly, Travis Kern, and Lisa Ford, as presented by Director of Human Resources Massaros.

Motion carried: 7 - 0
Director of Business Affairs Nash, after input from the Budget Review Committee, presented \$1,100,000 cost center reductions for a first reading on February 25, 2008. The board listened to public input on March 10, 2008. Adjustments were made to the elementary cost center reductions. Nash reviewed adjustments with the Finance Committee on April 7, 2008. Chair Shimek opened the board meeting up for further public input. No one addressed the board. The board was asked to approve the reductions that included all adjustments, in the amount of \$1,100,000.

A motion was made by Mike Murray, seconded by Eric Pratt, to approve the budget reductions, in the amount of \$1,100,000, as presented.

A motion was made by Mike Murray, seconded by Diane Ziemann, to amend the main motion by removing the \$50,000 transportation reduction pending further board review and to make a recommendation at the April 28, 2008 regular meeting. Motion carried: 7 - 0
The affirmative has it, the main motion is amended. Motion carried: 7 - 0
A motion was made by Tom Anderson, seconded by Chris Lind, to approve the following vending awards:

Coca-Cola Enterprise
Royal Vending
Motion carried: 7 - 0

A motion was made by Mike Murray, seconded by Chris Lind, to approve increasing the cost of meals as follows:

Elementary \$2.15
Secondary \$2.25
Adult \$3.15

Motion carried: 7 - 0

A motion was made by Eric Pratt, seconded by Diane Ziemann, to approval the bid on tennis court

rehabilitation at Twin Oaks Middle School to Prior Lake Blacktop, Inc. for a total of \$86,840.40, as presented.

Motion carried: 7 - 0

A motion was made by Eric Pratt, seconded by Mike Murray, to approve Larson Allen, LLP for audit services for the year ended June 30, 2008, to, as presented.

Motion carried: 7 - 0

A motion was made by Eric Pratt, seconded by Chris Lind, to approve the master intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreement, as presented.

Motion carried: 7 - 0

A motion was made by Tom Anderson, seconded by Chris Lind, to approve Metro Sales as the vendor for our copiers at a cost of \$456,050.85 for a 5 year lease period (91,210.00 per year), as presented.

Motion carried: 7 - 0

A motion was made by Tom Anderson, seconded by Chris Lind, to approve the proposed course changes in Mathematics per new state standards and granted permission to purchase new 6th grade math textbooks in the estimated amount of \$59,500 to \$63,000, as presented.

Motion carried: 7 - 0

A motion was made by Dee Dee Francis, seconded by Chris Lind, to approve the 2008-09 school board meeting dates, as presented.

Motion carried: 7 - 0

Board Chair Shimek reviewed the superintendent evaluation process and the board recommended the process per board policy.

POLICY

A motion was made by Diane Ziemann, seconded by Mike Murray, to eliminate the following policies: E-86/525, F-160, F-162, F-165, G-60, H-15, H-20, H-50, H-60, H-70, H-80, H-90, H-95, H-100, H-110, H-115, H-120

Motion carried: 7 - 0

The Policy Committee presented the following policies for a first reading.

Policy 506 - Student Discipline

Policy 501 - Weapons

Board action will be requested at the April 28, 2008 board meeting. (Published in the Savage Pacer on Saturday, May 10, 2008; No. 2771)

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT 719
PO BOX 539

Prior Lake, Minnesota 55372

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Education

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District 719 was called to order by Chair Shimek in the board room at the District Services Center on April 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Shimek led the board and those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Anderson, Francis, Lind, Murray, Pratt, Shimek, Ziemann

Administration Present: Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Allen-Mastro, Director of Human Resources Massaros, Director of Business Affairs Nash

Absent: Superintendent Westerhaus, Student Representative Bruns

A motion was made by Eric Pratt, seconded by Tom Anderson, to approve the agenda, as amended.

Motion carried: 7 - 0

A motion was made by Mike Murray, seconded by Chris Lind, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

a. The check/wire transfer disbursement summary.

b. Cash reconciliation report for March 2008.

c. Donation as follows:

\$100.00 from Richard Sheldon to Jeffers Pond through the TORO Matching Gift Program.

d. Resignations as follows: List on file at the district office Motion carried: 7 - 0

LAKER PRIDE ** Special Recognition ** Showcase

Chair Shimek called for anyone wishing to address the board during the open forum segment on the board agenda, and there were none.

A motion was made by Eric Pratt, seconded by Chris Lind, to approve the appointment of Dr. Sue Ann Gruver as Superintendent of Schools, as presented by Board Chair Shimek and Search Consultant Ken La Croix.

Motion carried: 7 - 0

A motion was made by Tom Anderson, seconded by Mike Murray, to approve the following candidate for employment, as presented by Director of Human Resources Massaros:

Coach/Advisor:
Deann Vaubel - Assistant Coach

- Synchronized Swim (part-time) - HS (resignation)

Motion carried: 7 - 0

A motion was made by Dee Dee Francis, seconded by Mike Murray, to approve the following leave of absence, as presented by Director of Human Resources Massaros:

Emily Albrecht - 6th Grade Teacher - HO (.4 family leave - effective 2008-09 school year)

Motion carried: 7 - 0

A motion was made by Chris Lind, seconded by Tom Anderson, to approve the following retirement with gratitude for years of service, as presented by Director of Human Resources Massaros:

Dorothy Aho - Social Studies Teacher - HO (34 years of service)

Motion carried: 7 - 0

A motion was made by Mike Murray, seconded by Dee Dee Francis, to approve the following revised job descriptions, as presented by Director of Human Resources Massaros:

List on file at the district office Motion carried: 7 - 0