

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
CITY OF LAKE SHORE
CITY HALL
MAY 19, 2011
7:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order. Ron Faust, Melinda Re, Jerry Swenson and Rosemary Goff; Council Liaison Doug Miller were present. Guest Arla Johnson. Elaine Leach was absent.

Approval of the Minutes from February 17, 2011 – Will approve at the June meeting.

Land & Water Tour 2011 – Guest Arla Johnson said the tour is scheduled for July 11, 2011. She said the goal of the project is to bring together the farmers/ranchers and shoreline landowners in the watershed to discuss the water quality issues. The project is run in conjunction with the Leader Lions and the Crow Wing Basin Forage Council. A bus will pick up people in Staples and Motley to bring them to the Living Savior Lutheran Church in Lake Shore to begin the 8:30 a.m. gathering and opening presentation. There are two farm sites to visit. After the farm tours there will be lunch at Bar Harbor, which will be made primarily from locally grown/raised produce and poultry. Committee members will provide desert. After lunch there will be a water tour on pontoons provided by residents. The tour will consist of reviewing shorelines that have been restored to provide a buffer between the land and the water. There will be speakers/experts for both the farm and water tours. The cost of the tour is \$15.00 and there is a limit of 75 people. GALA and Lake Margaret Lake Association are contributing funds towards the project. There will be handouts provided with the information that is covered on the tour.

Arla asked the committee to be involved in some aspect of the project. The committee members talked about what their individual role would be in the project.

Fritz Loven Park Shoreline Buffer – Ron said that the project at the park will start very soon. Beth Hippert from Crow Wing County Soil and Conservation District secured a large grant for a shoreline restoration project to help protect the water quality and ecosystem of Stony Brook. Volunteers will be needed to help with the planting.

Curly-leaf pondweed grant-Lake Margaret-2011 – Lake Margaret was sprayed the day of the committee meeting. The lake will be sprayed for 5 years according to the aquatic vegetation plan.

AW Proposal – The original proposal went to the Lake Margaret Conservation Association to provide a fly over to detect the curly leaf pondweed. They propose \$1.25 per acre. The association said that this information was already provided by the DNR.

SSTS (Sub-surface treatment system) Grant Cass County – A grant was secured to provide SSTS inspections throughout the Lake Margaret watershed. The stakeholders will send letters to residents of the watershed to provide this service.

Crow Wing Power – Vegetation spraying and other watershed activity – There was a concern that the vegetation spraying was done in the Lake Margaret Watershed Overlay District. Tape ended.

The committee recognized Elaine Leach for her recent St. Cloud State University Alumni Association Award for the endowed scholarship program she has funded which helps fund the graduate studies of women pursuing administrative posts in education.

Meeting adjourned.

Transcribed by Patti McDonald
Lake Shore City Clerk