

**MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
CITY OF LAKE SHORE  
CITY HALL  
JULY 21, 2011  
7:00 PM**

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

Approval of the Minutes from May 19, 2011 – MOTION BY ROSEMARY GOFF TO APPROVE THE MAY 19, 2011 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. RON FAUST SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

Approval of the Minutes from February 17, 2011 – MOTION BY RON FAUST TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 17, 2011 MINUTES. ROSEMARY GOFF SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

August Shoreline Restoration Tour – A Shoreline tour is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Either Heather Baird or Kelly Condiff will help facilitate the project. There are three or four shorelines that will be visited by car. Ron will put something together to send to the Echo for publicity. The project is sponsored by GCOLA.

Healthy Lakes & River Partnership Grant (LMCA-eligible) – Ron said this is the first he has heard of this and suggested the committee read the information and discuss it at the next meeting. Elaine asked if these grants occur throughout the year or if there is a deadline on the immediate one. Ron wasn't sure; he will discuss it with Teri.

Tent Caterpillars – volunteers to head up spraying for 2012 – Sonja Larsen and Carol Greaves – Ron spoke with Teri Hastings about how bad the Tent Caterpillars were this year. Two years ago there was an attempt to spray the area where the worms were, but some areas didn't get sprayed because the residents didn't want to take part financially. Those that paid had their checks sent back. Carol Greaves along with help from Sonja Larsen have volunteered to organize the spraying for next spring. Ron said this shouldn't be left up to volunteers in the neighborhoods that have been infested by the worms. He thinks that the Environmental Committee should take an active role in the spraying and know exactly what they are spraying. Ron will invite Carol or Sonja to a meeting to share more information on the project.

Public Accesses – Stormwater Containment: Rain Gardens/Berms/Buffers – Beth Hippert from Crow Wing County Soil and Conservation District received a grant and part of it was used in Fritz Loven Park for the shoreline restoration project. The purpose of the grant is to improve water quality and habitat around Gull Lake. Ron said that they are interested in doing some rain gardens to prevent storm water runoff into the lakes. Ron has observed places where there is runoff into the lake. He said that Beth was interested in doing approximately 10 rain gardens this year. Jerry shared what the county did in his neighborhood when there was a water drainage problem. Elaine commented that there is a good example of a 'Green' business that has a couple rain gardens in the parking lot just west of the 210 and 371 intersections. Ron said there is a rain garden at the Crow Wing County parking lot.

Ron asked the committee for suggestions as to where rain gardens could be put in Lake Shore. He is aware of two locations.

MOTION BY ELAINE LEACH TO ADJOURN THE JULY 21, 2011 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING. ROSEMARY GOFF SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

Transcribed by Patti McDonald  
Lake Shore City Clerk