

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
CITY OF LAKE SHORE
CITY HALL
AUGUST 18, 2011
7:00 PM**

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

Tent Caterpillars – volunteers to head up spraying for 2012 – Sonja Larsen and Carol Greaves – Sonja Larsen explained the infestation of the Tent Caterpillar problem in Lake Shore. Over time these caterpillars stress the trees. She explained that the spraying process is not a harmful chemical, but will kill the early hatch of the worms in the spring. The organizing committee will send out a letter this fall to ask for money to spray in the spring. They need help from the committee in defining where the infestation is and who will be put on the list for the mailing. They would like the endorsement of the committee on the letter to help encourage those asked to donate towards the spraying and if asked let them know that it is safe process.

MOTION BY ELAINE LEACH TO APPROVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE’S ENDORSEMENT OF THE WORK OF THE TENT CATERPILLAR COMMITTEE’S LETTER REQUESTING DONATIONS FOR SPRAYING IN THE SPRING. ROSEMARY GOFF SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

The budget provided was reviewed and noted.

Approval of the Minutes from July 21, 2011 – MOTION BY ROSEMARY GOFF TO APPROVE THE JULY 21, 2011 MINUTES WITH ONE CORRECTION TO A NAME SPELLING. ELAINE LEACH SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

August Shoreline Restoration Tour – Ron reported that the tour was August 9th. They visited 3 shorelines which included one with nothing done to it, to a shoreline restored with native plants over 3 years ago. The tour ended at Fritz Loven Park to view the new shoreline buffer that was planted at the park earlier this summer. Ron suggested to have one tour per month in the summer as there always seems to be new people interested in shoreline restoration.

Bluff Erosion Site – Gull Lake – Possible Grant Opportunity – Ron said that he thought there are still funds available for rain gardens. Ron shared some pictures of a property just south of Sherwood Forest that appears to have erosion caused by a landslide on the bluff. He would like to contact the owner as a GCOLA representative to offer assistance in shoreline restoration.

Healthy Lakes & River Partnership Grant (LMCA-eligible) – Rosemary said that the LMCA went through the same program as GCOLA and has \$5,000.00 of grant money available through the Initiative Foundation. You have to be a 501C3 organization; government or a lake association to apply. The application has to state what the funds will be used for. It is a matching grant and it has to be on Lake Margaret. There was discussion as to where the matching funds would come from and where the grant money would best be used on the lake. Ron will talk to Kelly Condiff.

2012 Budget – The committee recommends no change to the 2012 budget.

Meeting was adjourned.

Transcribed by Patti McDonald
Lake Shore City Clerk