

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
CITY OF LAKE SHORE
CITY HALL
JANUARY 19, 2012
7:00 PM**

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

Approval of the Minutes from November 17, 2011 - MOTION BY ROSEMARY GOFF TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 17, 2011 MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS PRESENTED BY RON. JERRY SWENSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

Sherwood Forest Stormwater Rain Garden Project - Ron said that he, Teri Hastings, Heather Baird and Kelly Condiff met to discuss the project. They requested bids from 4 companies and received one back from Lakeside Lawn and Landscape. They provided a detailed plan with three different alternatives; each plan costing more, but collects more rain. Kelly Condiff from Cass County applied for a grant that will fund 75% of the project and Lake Shore will fund the balance. Heather Baird will help get the plants at a reduced price for the project and there will be volunteers to help with planting them like the project at Fritz Loven Park.

Minnesota Land Trust Conservation Easements – Ron visited with the property owner at the Gull Lake cave-in site where a naturalist found native species in an untouched forest. He shared the idea that Heather Baird had suggested of protecting the wild flowers through a conservation easement. Ron gave a brochure from the MN Land Trust to the landowner explaining that the MN Land Trust allows property owners to specify what they want to happen to all or part of their land in perpetuity.

Elaine Leach asked about Trail 77. Ron is on the Trail 77 Team so he gave an update to the committee.

Lake Margaret Wild Rice Area – Elaine Leach hasn't had time to talk to Teri about the property on Lake Margaret with the wild rice. There was nothing to take action on regarding the wild rice.

The year-end financials were noted.

MOTION BY ELAINE LEACH TO ADJOURN THE ENVIRONMENTAL MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2012. ROSEMARY GOFF SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

Transcribed by Patti McDonald
Lake Shore City Clerk