

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

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

Approval of the Minutes from May 17, 2012 - MOTION BY ELAINE LEACH TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 19, 2012 MINUTES AS AMENDED. MELINDA RE SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

Shoreline Restoration Tours – The first tour was June 18 with Heather Baird leading. The plan was to share the book ‘Landscaping for Wildlife and Water Quality’ with those who were interested. Native plants had been purchased from Bonnie Hinniker at Sunshine Gardens Nursery and Landscape (who also donated many plants and accompanied the tour). The plants were given out to those who came on the tour. These three couples had already done shoreline restoration projects. There are plants left over to hand out at the next shoreline tour on July 24.

Robert Eliason, GCOLA Environmental Task Force, suggested publicizing the project better than the first and an advertisement that is in the current Echo planned, co-sponsored by GCOLA. If the next shoreline tour has only a few participants the one scheduled for August will be cancelled.

Elaine asked if the books were purchased. Elaine brought a sample of a library check out card.

GCOLA Gala – Committee members were reminded of the GCOLA Gala coming up on July 30; Darby Nelson will be featured speaker.

Update on stormwater runoff projects – Seven stormwater runoff projects that had come to the attention of City staff were reviewed, and photos were noted. Persistent efforts by Teri Hastings, Kelly Condiff, and Heather Baird on these projects were praised; they should lead to better water quality in the Gull Chain.

- Olin, 1125 Wienzel Point Road: The driveway flooded several times this year. Kelly Condiff had reviewed and said the problem could not be contained with a rain garden, but further evaluation was in progress.
- Klosner, 8242 Harold Lane: A variance had been approved by the Planning Commission. The property collects rainwater from several neighboring properties, including a driveway across the road. A stormwater depression is proposed on the lake side of the construction.
- Sherwood Forest Condos on Margaret: A contract had been signed for two rain gardens and repaving the access to redirect runoff. This project has been in the works for over a year.
- Fawley, 8539 Nottingham Road: Shoreline restoration and a rain garden completed in June accompany recent construction of a new home. The site funnels roof water

underground into the rain garden. The owners have seen it fill, then empty during recent rains.

- Knight, 1482 Balsam Lane: Runoff from the paved road (a city right of way leading to a public access) is entering the property. A curb will be added, and the runoff will be monitored to see if the water is being adequately absorbed by vegetation at the bottom of the road.
- Campbell, 8644 Fernmont on Dutchman's Bluff: Although this new home is set way back from the top of this high bluff, grass is mowed all the way to the edge. Rainwater collected and ran off the bluff, causing a cave-in estimated at 35' wide and 14' deep at the top of the bluff. A large rain garden might have prevented this; Cass County Soil and Water and private landscapers were evaluating could be done now.
- Naley, 1410 Rocky Point Road: These property owners had already completed an exceptional shoreline restoration project, but two rain gardens were put in behind the home to catch runoff from a driveway and a nearby tennis court. Native species cover much of the property.

Recycling-“Let's get the word out”-Idea by Julie Whiting – Ms. Whiting had brought up the suggestion that Lake Shore could improve its recycling efforts. The collection site behind City Hall is well used, but it is unknown how many people don't recycle due to inconvenience or lack of awareness. The Committee noted the full color recycling handouts from Cass County Environmental Services, available on the table with other brochures at City Hall. These brochures have a great deal of information on how and where to recycle specific types of waste. Three suggestions were made:

- Confirm that there is a link on the City's web site to the county recycling web site that is the source of this four page print out.
- Melinda Re suggested a campaign with a slogan to help educate and motivate Lake Shore residents.
- Investigate the possibility of curbside recycling as is used extensively in other cities.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL MEETING OF JULY 19, 2012 WAS ADJOURNED.

Transcribed by Patti McDonald  
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And  
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Committee Chair