

**MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
CITY OF LAKE SHORE  
CITY HALL  
MARCH 21, 2013  
7:00 PM**

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

Approval of the Minutes from November 15, 2012 - MOTION BY ELAINE LEACH TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 15, 2012 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. JERRY SWENSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

Lake Margaret Curly Leaf Pondweed – A DNR grant has been approved for curly leaf pondweed control in Lake Margaret again this year. Unfortunately there will be less money available, but Teri Hastings is working on securing the additional necessary funding.

Habitat Grant – The DNR 2014 grant application for habitat improvement was funded for \$20,000. Lake Shore will partner with the Gull Chain of Lakes Association on multiple projects aimed at improving habitat through shoreline restoration and control of stormwater runoff. It was noted that Fritz Loven Park and Grassy Point, which are within our city limits are designated as Aquatic Management Areas by the DNR; this enables some funding through other sources. A January 2013 report by Owen Baird a DNR fisheries expert, describes the work he did at multiple sites on Stoney Brook during 2012.

Deer Management – Ron spoke with the committee about Lake Shore’s deer population. He has learned:

- State Farm 2012 data indicated that the risk of hitting a deer in MN is 1 in 80 per vehicle per year. This rate is very similar to that in other midwestern states. Only West Virginia is significantly higher.
- A motorcyclist was killed in a deer collision at the southern end of the Gull Lake last year.
- Lyme disease is a significant medical problem that has affected citizens in our area.
- The deer population significantly affects regeneration of our native tree and wildflower species.
- The DNR manages the deer population in the countryside, but cities set the rules for hunting within their limits.

Doug Miller will explore the possibility of a special hunt with City Council. Gary Drotts, a DNR wildlife specialist, has offered to help provide details of how this might work.

Curbside Recycling – Ron recently read that the recycling rate in MN is only 33% and it may be increased if we offered curbside recycling. Ron has spoken with Waste Management about initiating curbside pickup in the city. Elaine commented that some people may not want to have to pay extra for the service.

Biggest Trees in Lake Shore – Ron is interested in finding the largest trees in Lake Shore. Some counties and states collect this information. Ron will put a note in the newsletter to determine if there is any interest.

Resignation of Elaine Leach – Elaine had sent a note to the City Council requesting to retire from the committee as of April 1, 2013. She started years ago as a member on the Park Committee. She will still help out when she can. She said she has enjoyed all the years she's served on the committees. She still hopes to get Mel Dahlberg to a meeting to talk about the wild rice on Lake Margaret. Ron said that the committee would note her resignation with regret. We thank her for her many years of dedicated service.

Other – Ron announced that there will be a meeting on Low Impact Development practices in the north county next Wednesday, March 28, 2013 at the Northern Lights Casino in Walker. They will be discussing the use of pervious material and other best practices in construction. Let Teri know if you are interested in attending.

MOTION BY ELAINE LEACH TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 21, 2013 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING. JERRY SWENSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

Transcribed by Patti McDonald  
Lake Shore City Clerk