

**MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
CITY OF LAKE SHORE  
CITY HALL  
MAY 16, 2013  
7:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order. Ron Faust, Rosemary Goff, Jerry Swenson; new members Arla Johnson and Kevin Egan were present. Council Liaison Doug Miller and Melinda Re were absent.

Ron reviewed the March minutes for the new committee members to make them aware of what the committee has been working on.

Approval of the Minutes from March 21, 2013 - MOTION BY KEVIN EGAN TO APPROVE THE MARCH 21, 2013 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. ROSEMARY GOFF SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

Welcome Arla Johnson – Ron welcomed Arla Johnson and Kevin Egan to the committee. Kevin will officially be approved at the council level at the May City Council meeting.

Reminder of Habitat Grant – Arla asked what projects will be worked on with the grant funds. Ron said that he and Robert Eliason worked on the grant together with the main focus being Fritz Loven Park. Ron also thought that Grassy Point would be another spot that could benefit from some attention. He also included the idea of a fish habitat along Grassy Point; he said this area is already an official aquatic management area.

Jerry is concerned about the trees that were cut down in the park after the park was protected by the Land Trust. The shoreline restoration project was done last year.

Ron said that the project at Sherwood Forest was completed last year.

Kevin Egan asked if residents are encouraged to remove rip-rap from the shoreline. Ron thought that the DNR was encouraging the removal of rip-rap; however, he wasn't sure about funding. Rosemary thought it was a county project.

Marschner Map – The Marschner Map is a map of the original vegetative state of Minnesota. When the federal government surveyed the states in the late 1840's to the early 1900's they sent men out to chart and measure the cities and townships that were already platted. They described the vegetation in their leather journals. In 1929 – 1930 Marschner worked in Washington for the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and created the Marschner Map with the 200 volumes of the surveyor's notes.

Big Trees of Lake Shore – Ron put an article in the Lake Shore newsletter encouraging Lake Shore residents to call city hall to register their big trees.

Other – Ron said that the committee meets monthly on the third Thursday of the month unless there are no action items for the agenda. He said that last year he found Buckthorn near the

parking lot of Zorbaz and he went and cut it down. The public works department hauled the brush away. Ron will have to go check to see if he may have to spray the site again this year.

Arla asked if the deer degradation project will be discussed at the next committee meeting. Ron said that the DNR sent a representative to the Lake Shore Council Meeting and was going to follow up with information the council had asked him to look into. Arla was at the council meeting that the DNR representative was at and she summarized what he had spoken about. Tape ended.

The May 16<sup>th</sup> Environmental Committee meeting was adjourned.

Transcribed by Patti McDonald  
Lake Shore City Clerk