

**MINUTES**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**  
**CITY OF LAKE SHORE**  
**CITY HALL**  
**MAY 20, 2010**  
**7:00 PM**

Ron Faust called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL:** Committee members present: Ron Faust, Melinda Re, Elaine Leach and Alternate Jerry Swenson; Council Liaison Doug Miller. Pat Rafferty and Gene Jaster were absent. Rosemary Goff was in the audience.

There was much discussion about when the committee receives the minutes and the agenda. Ron will talk to city staff. The minutes of March 18<sup>th</sup> were not approved.

Curly-leaf pondweed grant - Lake Margaret - The spraying is complete on Lake Margaret.

Jerry Swenson asked if someone from the state or DNR is coming in for an analysis of Upper Gull. Rosemary said there is a written report. Ron Faust said that he remembers that the percentage of Curly Leaf in Upper Gull wasn't enough to warrant the treatment process. Doug recalled the meeting that Lake Margaret went through the process to put together their aquatic vegetation plan. He said that a group from Upper Gull should get together with the plant management office to request someone to help them put together a plan. Doug told Jerry that the Lake Margaret aquatic vegetative plan is on the Lake Margaret Conservation Associations website

Shoreline Demonstration Drawing - Ron Faust – Ron reported that he made a presentation to the Lake Shore City Council and the Council declined to proceed with project at this time. Ron was disappointed in the council's decision. Doug commented on the council's reaction and told the committee that the council would want to know where the funding would come from and who would maintain the finished project. Elaine said that there was a member of the Stakeholders committee in audience who suggested that the Environmental committee work with the Stakeholders committee on this. Elaine said that Ron's presentation was rudely accepted by the City Council and that they were told to consider alternatives such as a demo project at a landscape business or at the DNR public landing. Ron doesn't agree with the DNR lot suggestion. Doug said that he thinks there are people that seem to be interested; however, he said the communication and the education is tough to get support for. Elaine said at the Stakeholders committee meeting a site near her property along the channel was suggested for a demonstration project.

Shoreline Restoration Tour - Elaine Leach – The tour is postponed until vegetation is more established. Elaine said that Teri Hastings suggested as part of the Stakeholders educational portion of the matrix of taking photos of sites to show the projects at various stages. Elaine said that there are signs available from the MPCA to place on properties that have done the shoreline restoration. Ron said that he has spoken with Heather Baird and she is enthusiastic about the shoreline restoration projects. Elaine said that the Environmental committee can work with Heather Baird to help organize a tour. Ron will invite Heather to the next committee meeting.

Lake Margaret TMDL Report - Greg VanEeckhout is working on finalizing details and it should be available for public comment soon. The Sediment Core information may not be included in the TMDL, which is unfortunate as the sediment core indicated Lake Margaret never was able to meet the 30ppb standard for phosphorus. The stakeholder committee chair has prepared a memo concerning this and Joe Bischoff from Wenck will be consulted as to the approach that should be taken.

Melinda said that next weed to be worked on after the Curly Leaf is under control is the Coon Tail. Melinda will find out who is running the weed harvester. Elaine suggested that the committee move forward with the Environmental committee's portion of the matrix.

Household Hazardous Waste - Brita Sailor from Cass County indicated a collection of household hazardous waste will be held at Lake Shore City Hall on Monday, June 28th from Noon to 4:30 PM. Melinda asked if a list could be posted here and in the Echo.

Appointment to committee - Recommend to the City Council the appointment of Rosemary Goff. Welcome Rosemary! Rosemary said that the Leader Lion's bus tour to farms is June 26<sup>th</sup> to promote water shed best practices. She said that on August 28<sup>th</sup> there is a Harvest Dinner at the Nisswa Community Center.

Motion by Melinda Re to adjourn the Environmental Committee meeting of May 20, 2010. Elaine Leach seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Transcribed by Patti McDonald  
Lake Shore City Clerk