

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
CITY OF LAKE SHORE
CITY HALL
JUNE 10, 2010
7:00 PM**

Attending were Ron Faust, Elaine Leach, Rosemary Goff, Jerry Swenson, Melinda Re, and Doug Miller

Minutes from May 20, 2010 and March 18 were approved noting the next species to be worked on after Curly Leaf Pondweed would be “Coon Tail”, not “Curly Tail” as mentioned in the May minutes.

Heather Baird, Department of Natural Resources-Shoreline Habitat Specialist was the invited guest of the Committee. Her presentation was enhanced by a power point slide show.

- Lake shorelines represent a progression from those lakes in the BWCA to those in our area when small, scattered cabins dotted largely wooded lots to the present when many large new homes have cleared large parts of their shoreline.
- Development has greatly increased runoff of phosphorus and other contaminants into lakes.
- Restoration of natural shoreline buffer zones can reverse this process, leading to restored habitat for plant species and animals in the water and on the land.
- Due to their shallow roots, lawn grasses and garden shrubs are unable to stabilize shoreline soil, which can erode and wash away into the lake after heavy rain or wave action.
- Shoreline restoration techniques include cessation of mowing and beach raking, reintroduction of native perennial plant species, waterline stabilization with biodegradable mats and log rolls, among other techniques.

A shoreline restoration tour was planned in August; it will entail visits to three or four homeowners who are in the process of restoring their shorelines.

The household hazardous waste pickup Monday, June 28th will be advertised by Cass County. It will take place noon to 4:30 at City Hall and there will be a list of waste items to be collected there at city hall prior to the date.

There will be an aquatic vegetation harvester on the Gull chain beginning the third week of June. Call Chris Bernu at 851-6739 for harvesting information.

Rosemary Goff mentioned the upcoming Farm Tour on July 17.

Transcribed by Ron Faust