

**MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
CITY OF LAKE SHORE  
CITY HALL  
NOVEMBER 18, 2013  
10:00 AM**

The meeting was called to order. Ron Faust, Jerry Swenson, Melinda Re, Rosemary Goff and Arla Johnson; Council Liaison Doug Miller were present. City Administrator Teri Hastings was also in attendance. Kevin Egan was absent.

Deer Population management: Ron said he spoke with Jim Thomes and Jim has been in touch with the DNR to see how the city can have a special archery hunt the following deer season. It is hoped that the hunter will be allowed to purchase extra tags to help bring down the deer population in Lake Shore.

(FYI) - Nature on PBS showed "The Private Life of Deer"

- North American deer: 1,000,000 a century ago. 30,000,000 now.
- 5/square mile is ideal. 100/square mile in some rural towns.
- Deer spend most of their lives in one square mile.
- Deer eat almost 600 species of plants.
- They can jump over an 8 foot fence.
- They cruise roadsides because that's where sunlight grows food for them.

TSI overflight mapping report -

- GCOLA Board members heard a report from AW Research at their board meeting on Saturday, November 16 at Grand View. Of course all GCOLA members are invited to the Board meeting as usual. The City of Lake Shore paid for extension of this study to Margaret and most of the upper chain. Recommendations for future action will be discussed. The report of the aerial TSI mapping can be seen at:
  - <https://awlabadmin.sharefile.com/d/33e1df9c18cb4d52>

Ron said the report indicated that in general the report was good for the chain of lakes; it did show that Lake Margaret has higher phosphorous levels. The study didn't provide a lot of information that wasn't already known. Doug Miller said that if the committee/city chooses to not move forward with more testing, AW Research will make contact again within a couple years.

**MOTION BY ARLA JOHNSON RECOMMENDING TO THE TO THE CITY COUNCIL THAT THE CITY NOT SUPPORT ANY FURTHER ACTION AT THIS TIME WITH AW RESEARCH AND STEP TWO OF THE TSI OVERFLIGHT PROJECT. ROSEMARY SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.**

Bittersweet, Beautiful but Bothersome...the next bad thing. – Teri showed the committee a piece of Bittersweet that she had in one of her flower arrangements. Ron said this will be the next nuisance weed akin to Buckthorn. He said he has seen some large clumps of Buckthorn in Brainerd and by the racetrack. There are still some small clumps being found in Lake Shore. Teri said a resident came in for some information after finding Buckthorn on his property; she gave him the newsletter that referred to the Buckthorn.

- Brainerd Dispatch, 10/30/2013 or 11/1/13

Mosquito Control Program for 2014: Teri said that there were two comments received regarding the mosquito control program. They were both against the city providing such a service. Ron researched on Wikipedia about the chemicals used in the control of mosquitos. There are plenty of options available at the retail stores for residents to control the mosquitos on their own property.

- We sought public input in the City of Lake Shore newsletter.
- We need to make a recommendation to the City Council.

MOTION BY ARLA JOHNSON TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THAT THE CITY DOES NOT PROVIDE CITY WIDE MOSQUITO CONTROL. ROSEMARY GOFF SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

Saving the Great North Woods – Ron said his son pointed out the following articles:

- Minneapolis Star Tribune - October 17, 2013
- <http://www.startribune.com/local/228250501.html>
- The boreal forest is moving north back into Canada

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