

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
CITY OF LAKE SHORE
CITY HALL
MARCH 18, 2010
7:00 PM**

Pat Rafferty called the meeting to order.

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

Motion by Ron Faust to approve the January 21, 2010 minutes as presented. Jerry Swenson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Upper Gull Lake-Curly leaf pond weed – Jerry Swenson couldn't add any information from past meetings. Jerry said that the fertilizer ordinance should be enforced. The continuing treatment of Curly Leaf pond weed on Lake Margaret was discussed.

Curly-leaf pondweed grant - Lake Margaret – The grant was awarded to treat Lake Margaret again this year. The continued treatment of the lake may help the quality of the water in the hope that the lake will be removed from the impaired water list. Pat said that a group around Bullhead Bay would like to be informed of the spraying schedule because they are very interested in hiring the same company to spray for them. Doug suggested that if Upper Gull residents want to treat for Curly Leaf Pond Weed they should check what the process is with the DNR.

Pat talked about keeping the communication and education out there. Doug Miller said that as part of the Stakeholders there is a committee for communication.

Shoreline Demonstration Drawing – Ron Faust asked Landsburg Landscape Nursery to come up with a conceptual drawing for a shoreline demonstration project in the circle of the city hall parking area. Teri let Ron know that right now there is no water or electricity to that portion of the property. This project would provide an educational piece to shoreline restoration/management. It would be plants native to this area. Landsburg provided a preliminary drawing and the committee discussed the idea of moving forward with the project. The committee thought that this project would qualify for a grant.

The other idea for a project is a tour of the shoreline to visit residents that have restored their shoreline.

Natural and Scenic Area Grant Program – The deadline is March 31st and the grant requires an appraisal and a public hearing which prevents the city from a timely submission. Teri recommends that the items required for the grant be itemized and then begin work on each of the items/tasks so the city is prepared for the next round. In addition, Teri has started to gather information for other grants and would like to do the same along with a timeline for deadlines.

The committee had much discussion about grant opportunities available such as from the Initiative Foundation.

The committee will move forward with cost estimates so they are ready when they have the approval to start the process. Doug will check with city staff what funds are available for the Environmental committee.

Motion by Jerry Swenson to adjourn the Environmental Committee meeting of March 18, 2010. Ron Faust seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Transcribed by Patti McDonald
Lake Shore City Clerk