

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
CITY OF LAKE SHORE
CITY HALL
APRIL 27, 2015
10:00 AM**

Ron called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Ron Faust, Lowell Naley, Rosemary Goff, Robert Eliason, Arla Johnson, Kevin Egan and Council Liaison Doug Miller were present.

Ron welcomed Lowell Naley, the newest member of the Environmental Committee.

The committee discussed the previous minutes regarding the 'Alternative's to Riprap for Lake Shore Erosion Control'; Ron said that they formalized the position paper about riprap and shoreline restoration. It was included in the GCOLA newsletter. They talked about the curb side recycling; they discussed the reason the mosquito control was turned down as (it was dangerous for the fish in the stream). Ron said he is still concerned about the Buckthorn in the area.

There is a free workshop in Garrison on Tuesday, May 19th called 'Recommendations for Damaged Shores: Prevent Losing Valuable Real Estate'. The University of MN Extension Service is putting on the workshop. There is also a group called Minnesota Erosion control to help with damaged shorelines.

Ron reported that Monday, May 4th, Heather Baird and some DNR staff members are going to plant trees at Grassy Point. Volunteers are welcome.

Ron said the shoreline work was funded by a grant through GCOLA refunded by the DNR; the grant money has run out so GCOLA came up with \$10K. The Lake Shore City Council approved \$10K more to use for Lake Shore resident shoreline restoration. The grant doesn't fund the full project; the land owner has to pay for a portion of the restoration project. Ron said Heather was encouraged that the DNR may have grant funds again next year.

Ron said that he needs to be replaced as the chairperson of the committee as he has reached his six year term per city ordinance. He will continue to be an alternate for the committee.

MOTION BY ARLA JOHSON TO NOMINATE KEVIN EGAN TO THE CHAIR POSITION OF THE LAKE SHORE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE. ROBERT ELIASON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

The committee had some discussion as to when they meet and the items they discuss. Doug Miller gave Lowell a brief history on Lake Margaret being added to the lake/water impairment list followed by the creation of the Lake Margaret Conservation Association. Will the lake ever be taken off the impaired water list? As an FYI the majority of this committee is on the GCOLA board.

MOTION BY RON FAUST TO ADJOURN THE APRIL 27, 2015 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING AT 10:37 A.M. KEVIN EGAN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

Transcribed by Patti McDonald
Lake Shore City Clerk