

**MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
CITY OF LAKE SHORE  
CITY HALL  
AUGUST 17, 2015  
10:00 AM**

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

MOTION BY ARLA JOHNSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 18, 2015 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MINUTES. LOWELL NALEY SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

Kevin said the first order of business was to set a meeting schedule. Ordinance says to meet once a quarter. This doesn't have to be decided right now.

Tent Caterpillar Problem and its Treatment – Arla said the caterpillars cyclical and it depends on what trees you have. This last year wasn't as bad as years past. There have been committee's in the past that collect funds to spray for the tent caterpillars in the spring. It is a large project from start to finish. Some people won't allow the spraying on their property. The last chairperson was Sonja Larsen. Arla will contact Sonja for suggestions from her past experience. Kevin commented that there is a capital fund for the Environmental Committee to use. Teri shared the Tent Caterpillar file and said that the project was a lot of work for city staff.

Status of Lake Margaret – Lake Margaret was designated as impaired by the DNR years ago. Rosemary said that the Secchi Disk readings last week were 3.5 on both ends of the lake. Kevin is curious about Lake Margaret's status; he said that most lakes are probably impaired. Arla said that Lake Margaret was in this situation for a long time and the core sampling proved that. Teri said the MPCA had two impaired categories one for deep lakes and one for shallow lakes which meant there are different parameters for each. Lake Margaret has two deep pockets which put it in the deep lake category. Teri said that the city/residents agreed to use best management practices to improve the impairment during the TMDL study process. The watershed also plays a large role in the impairment status. The city has been concerned about Lake Margaret since the early 1990's. Teri can provide the matrix for the committee to review for the status of completion of best management practices results.

Emergence of Buckthorn in the Region and Ways to combat it – Ron passed out some pictures of what the roots look like on saplings of the plant. There are tools that can take the plants out. These plants can grow to be 10 to 15 feet tall. He said it spreads and becomes very thick brush. He said the plants look an awful lot like chokecherry plants. He has put articles in the newsletter to help educate the public of what it looks like. Ron said it's easy to detect in November because the leaves stay green way after all the other leaves have fallen. He suggested making a display to leave at City Hall to help residents identify Buckthorn. Heather Baird is good about helping identify plants. Kevin asked if any other towns are doing anything about Buckthorn. Kevin said the committee can do a little more research on making a display. Ron will submit an article for the Lake Shore Fall Newsletter.

Curb-Side Recycling and Trash Pick-Up throughout the City – Rosemary wanted to look at this because the legislature put grant money aside for cities with a population of less than 45,000 and

out of the metro area to promote curbside recycling. She will follow-up with her contact for future reports. Kevin said when he started on the committee they were working on this same thing with no action taken. He said that most of the trash companies in this area don't provide just the curb-side recycling service. Arla said that in the meantime can the city ask if the current recycle collection company pick up more often. Kevin referred to a picture he took after the storm in July when the truck couldn't get under the powerlines and people left their boxes anyway. He will write an article for the newsletter for dumpster etiquette. He also suggested that the city look into enclosing the dumpsters like the commercial businesses have to do.

Progress of our Shoreline Restoration Efforts – Ron said that program is not working quite as well as he had hoped; they have only done two projects this year so far. He went over the guidelines for the committee. GCOLA will continue to promote Shoreline Restoration.

Ways to Improve the White-Goods Recycling Program – Kevin said that in July the committee provided a white-goods program. It was published in the newsletter once and nowhere else. The committee agreed to do this next year; however it should be advertised better.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:25 A.M.

Transcribed by Patti McDonald  
Lake Shore City Clerk