

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
CITY OF LAKE SHORE
CITY HALL
MAY 16, 2016
9:00 AM**

Kevin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Kevin Egan, Lowell Naley, Rosemary Goff, Robert Eliason, Ron Faust and Council Liaison Doug Miller were present. Arla Johnson was absent.

Minutes from March 21, 2016 – MOTION BY LOWELL NALEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 21, 2016 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING AS PRESENTED. RON FAUST SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

White Goods Recycling update 7/30 - Publicity is needed to promote the event. Last year people just didn't know about the project. Advertising is expensive in the newspaper. It can be recorded in the City Council minutes, put on Facebook and on the city website calendar. Ron said the Echo will put it as a news article if someone writes it up.

Staffing of the event is usually difficult, but someone could ask the local 4-H Club, Boy Scouts or the Civil Air Patrol to help. The times are up to the committee and last year it ran from 9:00 to 1:00.

Cost of the disposal items is usually set by each item.

Trash Pick-up Review/Curbside Recycling – Is curbside recycling worthwhile? Kevin said some cities require curbside recycling. He has spoken with Paul Fairbanks at Cass County and he said it is worthwhile as the level of recycling goes up. He commented that requiring a single trash company is a little more difficult because residents like the company they already are using if it has to change. Paul suggested talking to the current companies providing recycling for their input. Doug asked if there is enough population to support the service. Kevin didn't have an answer to that. Kevin asked if it would be worth it for the city to require only one company. Doug doesn't think that it would be a unanimous vote if put before the council. Kevin isn't suggesting that the city pay for the service; it could maybe be an assessed charge to the resident's taxes. Doug said there is an issue of all residents being accessible. Kevin commented that they could curbside recycle on county 77, but some would still have to run their recycling down to 77. Doug said what would stop them from driving down to city hall to recycle if they already have to haul it somewhere. Robert said that a good portion of Lake Shore is seasonal. Lowell thought the clerk had an idea of how many are seasonal. Kevin said that the population is 1,004. Doug asked if that's residents or voting members. Kevin asked if the other seasonal communities provide curbside recycling. Ron said East Gull Lake and Baxter both do. The committee agrees that it's worth exploring. Kevin said there is county funding to support these efforts.

Old Business – Lowell asked if there are any shoreline restorations planned. Ron said that GCOLA and the City have \$10,000 each available for shoreline restoration. He said there is at least one potential site in Lake Shore. Ron said that he ran across a postcard that the city had sent out for shoreline restoration tours and about 20 attended about six years ago. He thought the tours were falling off because they weren't publicized the same way. Ron and Heather Baird will work together to plan a tour in August when everything is mature and blooming.

New Business – There was no new business

Possible future Committee efforts – When does the committee want to meet next. Kevin said it is up to the committee and he usually coordinates with the city clerk whether to schedule a meeting or not. The committee is scheduled to meet the 3rd Monday of the month, so the next meeting will be scheduled for June 20th at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION BY ROSEMARY GOFF TO ADJORN THE MAY 16, 2016 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING AT 9:40 AM. ROBERT ELIASON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

Transcribed by Patti McDonald
Lake Shore City Clerk