

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
CITY OF LAKE SHORE
CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 17, 2011
7:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order. Ron Faust, Elaine Leach and Rosemary Goff; City Staff Teri Hastings and Council Liaison Doug Miller were present.

Approval of the Minutes from September 16, 2010 – Motion by Elaine Leach to approve the minutes as presented. Rosemary Goff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Resignation of Pat Rafferty – Pat Rafferty sent an email to Teri Hastings stating that he has taken on a new position which would not allow him to attend meetings on a regular basis.

Motion by Elaine Leach to accept the resignation of Pat Rafferty from the Lake Shore Environmental committee as of February 17, 2011. Rosemary Goff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Election of Chairman and Vice chairman – Before the vote Ron asked why the meeting schedule was changed to quarterly meetings. Doug said that it was suggested and put into place because there have been so many meeting cancellations. Teri said that when she talked to the Mayor he was trying to figure out a way for the committee to be more productive. The committee can meet more often as needed.

Motion by Elaine Leach to nominate Ron Faust as the Chair of the Environmental committee. Rosemary Goff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ron asked if the City Council really wants to keep the Environmental committee. Doug said that when the Lake Margaret association formed they needed help from the city and the Environmental committee was a big part of the assistance. Now for the most part the Environmental committee is members from the Lake Margaret association. There was discussion as to the duties of the council liaison, which isn't to run the meeting, only offer guidance. The committee has had a lot of turn over in members and leadership in the past two years. Teri let the committee know that the Environmental Committee was established in the late 80's or early 90's because of Lake Margaret. The committee responsibility has evolved over the years. Elaine commented on the close relationship between the stake holders and environmental committees. Ron said that there are other environmental issues, such as zebra mussels that were introduced to the Gull Lake Chain. Rosemary said that there are issues with Agate Lake.

Motion by Elaine Leach to nominate Rosemary Goff as the vice chair of the Environmental committee. Ron Faust seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Curly-leaf pondweed grant-Lake Margaret-2011 – Teri reported that the grant has been submitted. If the grant is approved Lake Margaret will get one more year of treatment of the Curly-leaf pondweed. Doug said that there is still some money in the Lake Margaret account that was designated for Curly-leaf pondweed treatment; could it be put toward something else on the lake with the association member's approval.

Summer Tour-2011 in conjunction with the Leader Lions and the Crow Wing River Basin Forage Council Stakeholders committee will provide a summer tour in this area on Monday, July 11th. Elaine summarized the efforts of the tour. The help of the Environmental committee is needed.

SSTS (Sub-surface treatment system) Grant Cass County – John Ringle from Cass County applied and was awarded a grant through the Board of Water Resources. The County asked Lake Shore would be a cooperative partner and Teri told them the city would. The project is similar to what the city did with septic inspections with the main focus being out in the watershed. The City Council also approved a matching grant of \$4,300.00 to help with the project. Elaine asked if this subject should be talked about on the July 11th tour. Teri said that it may be a great opportunity to have some discussion about it.

AIS Plant Management Stakeholder Meetings – Minnesota Waters in partnership with MN DNR will host 4 regional Stakeholder Meetings on aquatic invasive plant species management. Anyone that wants to learn about or share their input on AIS plant management is invited to attend these meetings. An open mike session will be a part of these meetings with stakeholders encouraged to share their concerns and recommendations as well take part in a small group discussion that will follow the open mike. Participants will have time to visit informational tables and have a one to one conversation with DNR staff. All the comments and input received will be reflected in a DNR report and used to inform future DNR AIS plant management actions. For people that cannot attend these meetings, Minnesota Waters will welcome any comments that interested individuals would like shared with the DNR.

Cities and Dates

February 16th - Fergus Falls

February 22nd - Brainerd

February 23rd - West Metro

March 2nd - Mankato

An update on exact locations and times of the meetings will be on the Minnesota Waters website and in a special Confluence mailing in early February.

Final EPA approval of TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) – Final approval verifies and accepts the TMDL study. Teri said that it now opens doors for funding opportunities to help get Lake Margaret off of the impaired water list.

Meeting adjourned.

Transcribed by Patti McDonald
Lake Shore City Clerk