

City of Lake Elmo
Environmental Committee Minutes
August 12, 2016

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Florence Brink, Tedi Carlson, Brett Emmons, Julie Fliflet, Wendy Griffin, Jill Lundgren, Jeff Riegle

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Bucheck, Sarah Hietpas, Jim Kelly, Deb Krueger, Jennifer Pelletier, Barb Sahr

SATFF PRESENT: Kristina Handt, Rob Weldon

AGENDA:

- Approval of Minutes – July 8, 2016
- Workgroup Working Sessions (Water, Land/Air, Energy)
- Environmental Committee Awards

Due to lower than normal attendance, the committee decided not to break out into individual workgroups and kept the full group together for the individual workgroup updates and topics.

Water Group: Reinstating the 1% Rule for next meeting. Jack Griffin, City Engineer will attend and Brett will secure experts in stormwater management to attend. Staff will send out video of Jack's presentation along with a copy of his power point presentation so that committee members can watch this presentation before our next meeting.

Water Group: Rain Garden Maintenance. Staff will be meeting with a representative from the Washington County Conservation District next Friday. Rain Garden maintenance and upkeep will be the new norm for public works seasonal staffing moving forward this year will begin earlier in future years.

Land Group: Washington County Waste Management representative should speak at a future meeting on proper recycling and waste management. Invite the public to this meeting as well, to keep education as one of the committee's overarching focus areas.

Land Group: Leaf collection for residents this fall. Staff will get information on costs to have a dumpster available for drop off. Maybe 2 or 3 Saturdays in late October/early November? Committee will discuss and make final recommendation at our next meeting.

Land Group: Possible city compost site? Rob Weldon, Public Works Director, mentioned the county is looking to add sites throughout the county that they would manage. He will find out more on the current status of that.

The committee also wanted to develop a more formal list of volunteers that would be interested in helping with environmental committee activities so when events and activities are planned, those people could be contacted to help. Many people have

expressed interest in helping. Staff will keep this list so the contact information for these people can be forwarded to staff to add to the list.

Environmental Committee Awards

A document will be drafted to start formalizing the awards program (for the October meeting). Consensus on program components included:

- focus on recognition and do not include any prizes or monetary awards
- Award periodically during the year verses an annual award program
- Award to businesses, individuals, organizations, and groups
- Should be recognized in the weekly Fresh and quarterly Source city news publications and sent to local newspapers which will allow efforts to be highlight and more opportunities for educating residents
- Do not have a formal application process
- No limitations on number of recipients and number of awards-we aren't giving to the top two but rather giving recognition for all significant achievements

Education Efforts

Education efforts need to start taking shape. More education through city Fresh e-newsletter and other means. Example: when Lake Elmo Lake Association harvested tons of milfoil it should have been highlighted with pictures in Fresh to bring attention and education to this effort.