

**City of Lake Elmo  
Environmental Committee Meeting  
Minutes of June 10, 2016**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Julie Fliflet, Jill Lundgren, Mary Florence Brink, Dave Bucheck, Brett Emmons, Wendy Griffin, Sarah Hietpas, Deb Krueger, Barb Sahr

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tedi Carlson, Jim Kelly, Jennifer Pelletier, Dave Prince, Jeff Riegle, Ellen Neuenfeldt

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Administrator Kristina Handt

**AGENDA:**

- Workgroup Working Sessions
  - Water – Jim Kelly
  - Land/Air – Barb Sahr
  - Energy – Jeff Riegle
- Environmental Committee Awards
- Committee Finances
- Environmental Clean Up Day
- Adjourn

**WORKGROUP WORKING SESSIONS – FOCUS AREAS**

Land/Air

- Discussion with Brenda Jo Carlson from Tri-Lakes Area regarding their signage, flower garden/prairie maintenance.
- Pursue Tree City USA Designation – Tedi Carlson to follow up on next steps
- 2016 Follow-up on Pollinator/Bee Friendly Designation – Kristina to determine if staff
- Comprehensive Plan – Distributed Lighting and Landscaping Ordinance to team for review with intent to influence changes
- Tree Inventory to help protect trees – methodology to determine impact of losing trees. Gary Johnson at UofM

Water

- Rain Gardens – WCCS inspects gardens on somewhat regular basis. Dave will get list of public and private raingardens in Lake Elmo
- BMP – Best Management Practices Grants: Raingardens, Prairie, Shore Restoration
  - Plants, individual (above three), Community Grants
- Revisit removed 1% Rule Storm Water Ordinance – community education
- Irrigation Systems - Investigate Rain Gauge as giveaway – education and enforcement
- Milfoil – Received a Grant to harvest milfoil from Lake Elmo. Lake Olson is experiencing significant milfoil
- Met Council – Dr. Davis lecture regarding recycling water (training session)
  - Ground water levels dropping
  - Water Underground report from Fresh Water Society

Energy

- No Callout 6/10/2016

**ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP DAY**

- Environmental Committee Awards – need a policy around this award – something that we can bring forward to the city council. Roll forward to next month
- Committee Finances
  - No official budget for 2016. 200 in tree budget and 500 budget for rain garden maintenance

- Determine budget to request for 2017 – part of budgeting process. What types of things should be included in the Environment Committee budget?
- Environmental Cleanup Day - June 11, 2016 at Public Works Building (8am to 1pm) –
  - Training from WCEC for electronic collection
  - Settled on earlier date for 2017 Cleanup Day - May 20, 2017 (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May). Save the date cards to be distributed on Saturday.
  - Permanent signage to advertise the cleanup day