

**City of Lake Elmo
Environmental Committee Meeting
Minutes of July 8, 2016**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Julie Fliflet, Tedi Carlson, Mary Florence Brink, Dave Bucheck, Brett Emmons, Wendy Griffin, Deb Krueger, Jeff Riegle, Barb Sahr

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Jill Lundgren, Sarah Hietpas, Jim Kelly, Jennifer Pelletier, Dave Prince, Ellen Neuenfeldt

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Kristina Handt

AGENDA:

- Workgroup Working Sessions – Call Outs
 - Water – Julie Fliflet
 - Land/Air – Barb Sahr
 - Energy – Jeff Riegle
- Environmental Committee Awards
- 2017 Activities/Events/Budgets
- Approval of Minutes
 - May 13, 2016
 - June 10 2016
- Adjourn

WORKGROUP WORKING SESSIONS – FOCUS AREAS

Land/Air

- Tree City USA Designation – December Application Process. Rob Weldon Public Works Director will bring to the Environment Committee for assistance in completing necessary paper work.
- 2016 Follow-up on Pollinator/Bee Friendly Designation – Deb will schedule meeting with Laurie Schneider Laurie@lschneider.com from Pollinator Friendly Alliance to determine metrics for tracking purposes.
- Tree Inventory – Purpose is to understand our current tree inventory and to develop a methodology to determine the impact of tree loss. Deb to contact Gary Johnson at U of M.

Water

- Recommendation on the 1% Rule: Review the materials presented at July 5, 2016 City Council Meeting. Final recommendation to be presented to the City Council at a future council meeting if needed.
- Rain Gardens Maintenance – Recommendation to City Council to have resources from Public Works responsible for the city maintained rain gardens (6 existing). Dave to share inspection information available from Tara Kline.
- Recommendation to City Council that the City take more active role in the maintenance of our city lakes. Investigate city partnering with the various area lake Associations, Identify budget needs, etc.

Energy

- Review Homeowner Association Rules to ensure that they are solar and renewable energy friendly.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE AWARDS

- Develop the process/criteria for awards. Jeff Riegle to investigate how other city programs have been implemented.

2017 ACTIVITIES/EVENTS/BUDGET

- Potential 2017 Events: Clean-up Day, Tree Giveaway/Tree City Designation, Christmas Tree Recycle Program, Education Program Coordinated with Farmers Market, 4th of July Parade
- Budget Items (Initial Requests):
 - Brochures, Education and Promotions \$5000
 - Spring Clean-Up Day \$10,000
 - Cost Share with Lake Associations on lake maintenance (50% up to \$10,000 per 4 major lakes)