

**City of Lake Elmo  
Environmental Committee Meeting  
Minutes of September 9, 2016**

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

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jim Kelly

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Administrator Kristina Handt, Jack Griffin, and Rob Weldon

**AGENDA:**

- Approval of Minutes – August 12, 2016
- Fall Event-Leaf Drop Off Day(s)
- 1% Stormwater Rule

**Approval of Minutes-August 12, 2016**

Minutes approved as submitted

**Fall Leaf Collection:**

Two dates were recommended for the Fall Leaf Collection: November 5<sup>th</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup>.

- Staff received an estimate from Tennis Sanitation of \$300/for 30-yard compost container. Still waiting for an estimate from Mahoney.
- Event will be staged over two days and Environmental Committee members will be present to monitor the drop-off. A point-of-contact was selected for each day with the following members volunteering to be present:
  - November 5<sup>th</sup> – Noon to 5pm (**Tedi**, Barb, Brett, Jeff, Mary Florence, Wendy)
  - November 7<sup>th</sup> – 1:30pm – 5:30pm (**Jill**, Deb, Ellen, Tedi)
- Compost items must be in biodegradable bags or placed directly into the dumpster. Smaller sticks are acceptable but no larger materials or stones are allowed.
- The event will be advertised as open to Lake Elmo Residents only and stated that no commercial dumping will be allowed.

**1% Stormwater Rule**

This topic took up the majority of the meeting time with presentations from Jack Griffin, John Hanson and Brett Emmons. The agreed upon goal for the committee is to make a recommendation to city council to return to the previous 1% Rule, make other recommendations regarding storm water management, or continue with the exiting rules currently being followed by staff.

Jack Griffin – City Engineer: Jack was present to answer any questions from the committee. His presentation to the City Council on July 5, 2016 (Consideration to Reinstate The "One Percent" Storm Water Volume Control Rule) was shared with the committee prior to the meeting. From the presentation: *October 2013: Lake Elmo adopted new Storm Water Ordinance provision (through Ordinance 08-090) to better align the regulation of storm water management in the City with the new MIDS performance goals and standards and to align with both the VBWD and state rules. Staff recommendation is to take no additional action. Storm water volume control is being adequately addressed by current regulations.*

John Hanson - Barr Engineering representing Valley Branch Watershed District (VBWD): John gave a presentation that provided background information on Stormwater Management and walked through the

VBWD Stormwater Management standards which follow the Minimal Impact Design Standards (MIDS). Presentation was later shared with committee members.

Brett Emmons - representing Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc.: Brett gave a presentation providing an introduction to the Low Impact Development (LID) Approach for Stormwater Management, offered a comparison of different standards and provided examples of Higher Performance standards being followed in some area cities. Presentation was later shared with committee members.

Next Steps: The committee unanimously agreed that we should take the discussion forward and add this topic to the full agenda. Water Group may meet offline to pull forward some recommendations to help guide the discussions going forward.