1. CALL TO ORDER
   The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
   The commission members reviewed the agenda and had no changes. Commissioner Greenleaf moved, seconded by Commissioner Bolstad, to approve the agenda presented.

   Roll call vote:
   Bolstad: Aye
   Greene: Absent
   Greenleaf: Aye
   Johnston: Aye
   Schroer: Aye
   Winkler: Aye

   Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   a) June 17, 2020 regular meeting
      The commission members reviewed the June 17, 2020 draft minutes and had no changes. Commissioner Bolstad moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnston, to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2020 meeting as presented.

      Roll call vote:
      Bolstad: Aye
      Greene: Absent
      Greenleaf: Aye
      Johnston: Aye
      Schroer: Aye
      Winkler: Aye

      Motion carried.

   b) July 15, 2020 regular meeting
      The commission members reviewed the July 15, 2020 draft minutes and had no changes. Commissioner Greenleaf moved, seconded by Commissioner Bolstad, to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2020 meeting.
as presented.

Roll call vote:
Bolstad: Aye
Greene: Absent
Greenleaf: Aye
Johnston: Aye
Schroeher: Aye
Winkler: Aye

Motion carried.

Commission member left the meeting

4. VISITORS & PRESENTATIONS
None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
a) Work plan high priority goals
   Taillon reported that staff met to discuss recycling containers in the downtown area. Parks staff
   recommends keeping all trash containers and adding recycling containers next to each one. Parks staff
   prefers to purchase the same decorative metal container as the existing trash container, but will look at
   labeling and opening options. Taillon will provide updates as the project moves forward.

   Commission members discussed future newsletter articles. Chair Schroeder stated that he would like to see
   more pollinator gardens included on the interactive map and directed staff to include information about
   the map in the fall newsletter. Commissioner Bolstad would also like to have information about pollinator
   garden resources included in the newsletter. Commission members discussed including an article about the
   City’s battery powered lawn equipment in the spring newsletter.

b) 2020 budget
   - Expo banners
     Chair Schroeder researched feather flags and found a style that may work for the expo, at a cost of $134
     each. He will create a design and email the draft design to the commission members for review.

   - Giveaway drawings
     Taillon asked the commission members if there was interest in a giveaway drawing or
     subsidizing a Home Energy Squad visit as part of the 2020 Inter City Challenge. Commission
     members discussed subsidizing $20 off of Home Energy Squad visits for a total of $140 in 2020.
     Taillon will contact CEE to determine the logistics of a Home Energy Squad Visit subsidy.

c) Zero waste events – Action item
   Commission members reviewed the draft zero waste policy and discussed waiting to vote on the policy
   until the full commission is present. Taillon will add the zero-waste events policy to the September agenda.

6. NEW BUSINESS
a) 2021 Work plan
   Commission members reviewed the 2020 goals list and discussed possible high priority goals for 2021,
   including a plastic bag ordinance, solar on City buildings, promoting the high quality of drinking water, and
   enforcement of water conservation and illicit discharge ordinances. Commissioner Greenleaf stated that
she will review past reports for project ideas

Chair Schroeher mentioned that the commission members could consider inviting a representative from Wildlife Forever in White Bear Lake to speak at a future meeting.

7. DISCUSSION
   a) Staff updates
      - Commissioner re-appointments
        Taillon reported that Chair Schroeher and Commissioner Greene's terms have been extended through June 2023.

      - Mayor's water challenge
        Taillon stated that the City of White Bear Lake is currently in 2nd place in the National Mayor’s Water Challenge in our population category. She asked commission members to take the water pledge and to ask friends and family to do the same. Commission members asked staff to email a link to the Mayor's Water Challenge pledge.

      - Matoska park shoreline armoring
        Taillon mentioned that the City plans to riprap approximately 180 feet of Matoska Park dog beach shoreline late fall or early next spring to stop erosion due to high water and foot traffic. A shoreline restoration contractor was consulted early on to determine if the site is appropriate for a native plant buffer. Because of the high amount of foot traffic along the shoreline, natural vegetation was not recommended.

      - Goose Lake
        Taillon provided an update on the Goose Lake Adaptive Management Plan process. As a first step VLAWMO and City staff plan to present the plan to City Council for their feedback. Taillon will provide updates as the plan develops.

   d) Commission member updates
      - Environmental commission roles
        Chair Schroeher provided a summary of Environmental Commission roles from Red Wing, Wayzata, New Brighton, Maplewood, Mahtomedi, and Bloomington. He recommends that the commission members review the duties and responsibilities and consider whether or not to expand their duties. The commission members directed staff to include EAC roles/duties to the 2021 draft work plan goals list.

   e) Do-outs
      New do-out items for August 19, 2020 include:

      - Chair Schroeher to design the expo flag and determine pricing
      - Commissioner Greenleaf to review reports for a list of future projects.
      - Commission members to review roles of other environmental commissions
      - Staff to add information in newsletter about pollinator garden resources and a pollinator map
      - Staff to contact CEE about subsidizing the home energy squad fee.
      - Staff to send mayor’s water challenge link to commissioners
      - Staff to add EAC roles to 2021 work plan goals
      - Staff to feature City’s battery powered lawn equipment in the spring newsletter
- Staff to add zero waste policy to the September agenda

f) September agenda
   Include zero waste policy and 2021 work plan on the September agenda. The next meeting will be held via WebEx on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 6:30pm.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**
   Commissioner Greenleaf moved, seconded by Commissioner Bolstad to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm.

   **Roll call vote:**
   Bolstad: Aye
   Greene: Absent
   Greenleaf: Aye
   Johnston: Aye
   Schroeder: Aye
   Winkler: Absent

   **Motion carried.**