



**MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINNESOTA  
WEDNESDAY, April 20, 2022  
6:30 P.M. IN THE CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE**

Member Sheryl Bolstad called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sheryl Bolstad, Chris Greene, Bonnie Greenleaf

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Gary Schroeber (Chair), Rick Johnston

**STAFF PRESENT:** Connie Taillon, Environmental Specialist

**VISITORS PRESENT:** None

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The commission members reviewed the agenda and had no changes.

It was moved by member **Greenleaf** seconded by member **Greene**, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 3:0.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A. Minutes of April 16, 2022

The commission members reviewed the March 16, 2022 meeting minutes and had the following changes: Add John Anderson, Conservation Minnesota to item 1, Visitors Presentations. Change the month in the header from February to March.

It was moved by member **Greene** seconded by member **Greenleaf**, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2022 meeting as amended.

Motion carried, 3:0.

**4. VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS**

None

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Draft presentation to Council

Commission members reviewed each slide of the draft presentation to Council and made revisions. Taillon stated that she will add current photos to the presentation slides and move the presentation to the new City template. Commission members asked that the draft presentation to council be added to the May agenda. The changes to the presentation will be shown to Chair Schroeber at the May meeting and finalized.

B. Draft 2022 Work Plan

Commission members tabled the 2022 work plan discussion until the May meeting.

C. Environmental Resources Expo

The Commission members reviewed the 2021 Expo exhibitors. Member Greenleaf stated that the old editions of Northern Gardener magazines were not popular last year so she chose not to give them away in 2022. Member Greenleaf will invite Ramsey County Master Gardeners, Member Bolstad will invite Tamarack Nature Center, Member Greene will invite the electric vehicle owners and the Scouts to help with setup and takedown, and Taillon will invite Pollinator Friendly Alliance, NE Metro Climate Action, VLAWMO, and the U of M Turfgrass Research Group. Taillon will email the invite language and exhibitor contact information to the commission members.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing scheduled

**7. DISCUSSION**

A. Staff updates

- German delegation to White Bear Lake, May 4-5  
Taillon noted that the German Delegation will be in Minnesota the week of May 1<sup>st</sup>. The City will host the German delegation from Ludenscheid on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.
- RWMWD grant for Lakewood Hills Raingarden  
For the sake of time, Taillon stated that she will provide an update on the RWMWD grant at the May meeting.
- VLAWMO grant for Rotary Park planting  
For the sake of time, Taillon stated that she will provide an update on the VLAWMO grant at the May meeting.
- SWPPP presentation to Council, April 26th  
Taillon mentioned that she will be presenting on the City's 2021 SWPPP activities at the City Council meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Environmental Advisory Commission Members are invited to attend.

B. Commission member updates

- Recycling container observations  
Member Bolstad stated that she is frustrated about not seeing recycling containers at Ramsey County Beach and City parks. She will provide a more detailed update at the May meeting.

C. Do-outs

New do-out items for April 16, 2022 include:

- Taillon to add photos to presentation and move the presentation to the new template
- Taillon to email Expo spreadsheet and invite language to commission members
- Commission members and Taillon to email invites to Expo vendors

D. May agenda

Include City Manager and Prairie City USA under visitors; draft presentation, 2022 work plan and Expo spreadsheet under old business; RWMWD grant for Lakewood Hills Raingarden and VLAWMO grant for Rotary Park planting under staff updates, and recycling container observations under commission member updates.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Commission, it was moved by member **Greene** seconded by member **Greenleaf** to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Motion carried, 3:0