

City of White Bear Lake Environmental Advisory Commission

MINUTES

Date: August 15, 2018	Time: 6:30pm	Location: WBL City Hall
COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT	Sheryl Bolstad, Bonnie Greenleaf ,Rick Johnston, Gary Schroeher (Chair), June Sinnett, Robert Winkler	
COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT	Chris Greene	
STAFF PRESENT	Connie Taillon	
VISITORS	None	
NOTETAKER	Connie Taillon	

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The commission members reviewed the agenda and had no changes. Staff added the raingarden planting day to Item 7, staff updates. Commissioner Greenleaf moved, seconded by Commissioner Bolstad, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried, vote 6/0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) June 20, 2018 meeting

The commission members reviewed the June 20, 2018 draft minutes and had no changes. Commissioner Sinnett moved, seconded by Commissioner Bolstad, to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried, vote 6/0.

4. VISITORS & PRESENTATIONS

None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Environmental Resource Expo

Commission members discussed the Environmental Resource Expo at Marketfest that was held on July 26th. All of the free Ramsey County bags and kitchen compost containers were given away. The Ramsey County aluminum can guessing game was very popular. The other exhibitors had informative and fun interactive displays and many people enjoyed touring the hybrid bus. The Scouts did a great job with setup and takedown again this year. Commissioner Johnston asked staff to send a note to the Scouts thanking them for their help.

Commission members want to continue the event next year and will consider adding additional displays and giveaway items at the City/County table. Commissioner Johnston would like to see the exhibit items prior to the event next year. Staff is interested in further discussion about handing out a thank you note and water to each exhibitor as they are setting up.

b) Current do-outs

No discussion.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. DISCUSSION

• **Staff Updates**

- Master Water Steward Programs

Staff reported that Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization, Rice Creek Watershed District, and Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District are recruiting volunteers for the 2018/2019 Master Water Steward training that runs from October to March. The Master Water Stewards website has further information.

- Raingarden planting day

The 4th and Johnson raingarden planting day is scheduled for Saturday, September 8th from 9am to 11am. Staff will create a postcard for commission members to distribute.

• **Commission Member Updates**

- Commissioner Winkler attended the Aquatic Invasive Species event at Matoska Gazebo on June 26th. Washington and Ramsey County representatives collected native and invasive plants from White Bear Lake to display at the event.

• **September Agenda**

- Staff will add the 2018-2019 work plan discussion to the September agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on September 19, 2018, 6:30pm at City Hall. Commissioner Greenleaf moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnston, to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 pm. Motion carried, vote 6/0.