

# City of White Bear Lake Environmental Advisory Commission

## MINUTES

Date: November 21, 2019	Time: 6:30pm	Location: WBL City Hall
COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT	Sheryl Bolstad, Chris Greene, Bonnie Greenleaf , Rick Johnston, Gary Schroeher (Chair)	
COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT	Robert Winkler	
STAFF PRESENT	Connie Taillon, Environmental Specialist	
VISITORS		
NOTETAKER	Connie Taillon	

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:59 pm.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The commission members reviewed the agenda and had no changes. Commissioner Johnston moved, seconded by Commissioner Greenleaf, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried, vote 5/0.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) October 16, 2019 regular meeting

The commission members reviewed the October 16, 2019 draft minutes and had no changes.

Commissioner Greenleaf moved, seconded by Commissioner Greene, to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried, vote 5/0.

### 4. VISITORS & PRESENTATIONS

None

### 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) 2020 Work Plan

Commission members discussed the importance of prioritizing and implementing projects; however, determining how to change people's behavior should also be a priority. Due to the full agenda, the commission members agreed to postpone the 2020 work plan discussion until the December meeting.

### 6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Officer election

The commission members discussed the 2020 Chair and Vice Chair officer positions. Commissioner Bolstad moved, seconded by Commissioner Greene, to nominate Chair Schroeher as Chair for 2020. Motion carried, vote 5/0.

Commissioner Greenleaf moved, seconded by Chair Schroeher, to nominate Commissioner Bolstad as Vice Chair for 2020. Motion carried, vote 5/0.

### 7. DISCUSSION

a) Goose Lake

Staff reported that the second reading of a temporary boating restriction ordinance for East Goose Lake is tentatively scheduled for the January 28, 2020 City Council meeting. The agenda item will be pulled if VLAWMO is unsuccessful at securing clean water grant funding to conduct an alum treatment. Commission members discussed whether to take a stand on this issue. Commissioner Johnston agreed to draft a letter that he will bring to the December EAC meeting for review and discussion.

b) Staff updates

- U of M Capstone Project  
Commission members are invited to attend the U of M capstone project presentations at City Hall on December 5, starting at 5:30pm.
- Organics dumpster enclosure  
City Council approved the construction of an organics dumpster enclosure at Public Works. The enclosure is planned to be operational by the end of December.
- 4<sup>th</sup> and Otter  
VLAWMO staff and volunteers cleared buckthorn from the newly acquired City property at 4<sup>th</sup> and Otter this fall. VLAWMO recently applied for a grant to help fund native seed and plants for the site.
- MPCA update  
Staff provided an update from the MPCA regarding soil-vapor sampling at the intersection of County Road E and Bellaire. The MPCA stated that there is nothing new to report of major significance since the last discussion. They will conduct the next round of testing likely after the holidays.
- LEAP Award  
Staff accepted the Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District LEAP award for the Edgewater ROW prairie project on November 14.
- Lawns to Legumes Grant  
The Board of Soil and Water Resources received funding to develop the Lawns to Legumes program. As part of this new program, funding is available on a competitive basis to create a demonstration neighborhood of different types of pollinator plantings. Staff will include this program on the December agenda for further discussion.

c) Commission member updates

None

d) Do-outs

- Commissioner Johnston to draft a letter regarding the Goose Lake alum treatment and bring to the December meeting for discussion.
- Chair Schroeder to bring the St. Anthony pollinator map to a future meeting.
- Commission members to read the Lawns to Legumes information and discuss at the December meeting.
- Staff to email EAC the date and time of the U of M Capstone Project final presentation.
- Staff to email EAC a reminder to bring treats to the December meeting.
- Staff to email recycling container manufacturer web links to Public Works.

e) December agenda

Include the 2020 Work Plan, Goose Lake letter, and Lawns to Legumes program on the December agenda. Bring holiday treats to share.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held at City Hall on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 6:30pm. Commissioner Johnston moved, seconded by Commissioner Greenleaf, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm. Motion carried, vote 5/0.