

LAKE ORONO WATER QUALITY TASK FORCE
MARCH 21, 2007
ELK RIVER CITY HALL

Members Present: Mark Basiletti, Patrick Plant, Cindi Edwards-Plant, John Weicht, Ed Bury, Ed Buttweiler, and Vance Zehringer

Staff Present: Rebecca Haug

1. Approve 3/21/07 Agenda and Minutes

The Agenda was approved as submitted with the addition of discussing the Annual Meeting topics. Minutes were approved as submitted.

2. Sherburne County Water Plan Update

Mark informed the group that the Water Plan has been sent out for review. Comments are due on April 9 and the Water Plan will be going in front of the County Board on April 3rd at 9:10 a.m. at Sherburne County Government Center.

3. Elk River Watershed Joint Powers Board Update

Mark informed the group that they have on-going programs including a rain garden workshop on Thursday, March 22, 2007 and will be having workshops for the Briggs Chain at the end on March. The Board will be distributing a flyer to all residents in the Watershed educating them about different issues. The plan is to have the flyer out in June. The Board will also continue to conduct monitoring in the streams for fecal coliform.

4. Storm Water Survey Results

Rebecca went over the results from the Storm Water Survey that the city sent to all the residents. The survey was sent to gauge the knowledge the residents have about storm water. The results were very interesting and show where more education needs to be put. It was suggested that the City send out another survey with the correct answers and the results.

5. Lake Improvement Grant

Rebecca went over the Grant application and will be sending it out. The grant is for \$5,000 and the money will be used to purchase a GPS unit and the printing and distribution of educational materials.

6. Calendar of Events

Rebecca went over the calendar of events for the group and added depth testing every year as well as fish stocking. In October, it was also added that if the weather cooperates, possibly have a 1' draw down to allow residents to clean up their shores.

7. Shore Sox

Cindi informed the group of a new technology to help with erosion along the shore. It is called a Shore Sox and is made of corn stalks. It is completely biodegradable and plants can be planted into it. Mark knows of a site on Lake Fremont that has these. It functions similar to a biolog and

costs about the same, which is cheaper than rock rip rap. Cindi mentioned that they are also used in terracing.

8. Other Updates

The Lake Orono Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 29th and Rebecca and Mark will be speaking. It was decided that Mark will discuss the lake testing and the newsletter the Watershed Joint Powers Board will be distributing. Rebecca will discuss the calendar of events, process for curly leaf pondweed, the grant and the results from the Stormwater Survey.

9. Next Meeting Agenda Items

The next LOWQC meeting will be on Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. Elk River City Hall. The items to be discussed will be determined closer to the meeting date.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.