

**LAKE ORONO WATER QUALITY TASK FORCE**  
**MAY 23, 2007**  
**ELK RIVER CITY HALL**

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

Staff Present: Rebecca Haug

1. Approve 5/23/07 Agenda  
The Agenda was approved as submitted with the addition of discussing a dock at the Library, the boat landing, Orono Park Master Plan and representation on the Elk River Watershed Board.
2. Sherburne County Water Plan Advisory Committee Update  
John informed the group that the plan has been sent to the State and a lot of emphasize was on updating storm water ordinances, reducing nutrients for surface water and riparian vegetation.
3. Elk River Watershed Joint Powers Board Update  
Vance informed the group that he has missed the last three (3) meetings and feels that someone else from the Lake Association should be on the Board. Mark informed the group that the County Board would appoint someone to the Board. Cindi will send an e-mail and put something on the website to see if anyone is interested in being on the Board. Whoever is interested will need to send a memo to Mark informing them of why they are interested. They will receive a per diem and mileage. The meetings are typically the third Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m.
4. Lake Improvement Grant Update  
  
Rebecca informed the group that the City Council has to make a motion to support the grant application being submitted and they will be doing that at the June 4 City Council meeting. The Lake Association Board also needs to make a similar motion.
5. Calendar of Events  
The Environmental Educator will have an article about Zero Phosphorus fertilizer. The City will begin testing for fecal coliform and send the results to Cindi and Mark. Secchi testing will begin Memorial Day weekend. Not planning to do chemical testing this year, it will be done every other year. There were concerns about the frequency of street sweeping. The Calendar of Events will have the years for the testing.  
  
The group will start inspecting for curly leaf pondweed on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m., weather permitting or June 15<sup>th</sup> and then again on July 12<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting with back-up on July 13<sup>th</sup>. The group will decide if Dr. Cooper should be contacted for goose trapping during the inspections.

6. Other Updates

a. Dock at Library

Staff is discussing putting in a dock across from the library and wanted feedback from the group. The only concerns were whether it would be handicap accessible and that it not extend out too far, possibly parallel the shore. Overall, it was not an issue.

b. Sediment Clean-Out at Boat landing

Staff checked with the DNR and the City is allowed to remove 200 cubic yards of sediment from the boat landing. The city will check to see if they have equipment to do the work.

c. Orono Park Master Plan

Once a draft is complete, it will be sent to the group and a presentation will probably be given by the Park and Recreation Director.

7. Next Meeting Agenda Items

The next meeting will be determined during the curly leaf pond weed inspections in June and July.