

**THE THIRD MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE ROOM #304**

**MARCH 14, 2019**

2:00 p.m. The meeting convened.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members

Councillor J. Herbert, Chair  
J. Tucker, Arborist  
B. McClure, Kettle Creek Conservation Authority  
A. Solsona  
D. Tarry, St. Thomas-Elgin Homebuilders

Absent

H. Schaefer  
P. Hontar  
J. Lawrence, Director, Env. Services  
and City Engineer

Officials

W. Graves, City Manager  
R. Tucker, Director of Parks, Recreation  
and Property Management  
A. Jefferson, Supervisor of Parks and  
Forestry  
J. Hindley, Corporate Customer Service  
Assistant

Others

Dave Collins, 166 Lake Margaret Trail

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

None.

**MINUTES**

Motion by J. Tucker - B. McClure:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on February 14, 2019 be confirmed.

Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Shoreline Planting

The members discussed the property lines along Lake Margaret.

Mr. Tarry advised that there is a 6 inch buffer so that the fence along the lake resides on the homeowners' properties.

The City Manager advised that the City owns the land along the lake and can proceed with the plantings to create an environmental strip.

The City Manager provided an overview of an initial plan to introduce willows and larger plantings south of the Pinafore Park area and continue with smaller plantings behind the houses through to the boat launch area.

The members discussed the education component and importance of distributing letters to the neighboring property owners.

The City Manager suggested that the Committee could hold an Open House on May 9, 2019 at Pinafore Park for the residents to discuss the plantings and to show the plant materials.

Ms. McClure advised that the plantings would consist of the lowest growing shrubs available and that they would be planted in a cluster format to look more natural.

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Property Management advised that the land along Lake Margaret is fenced in and that the Parks Division would maintain the strip.

The members discussed the benefits to larger foliage and trees being planted periodically along the lake in the future.

CONFIRMED \_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRMAN

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### Water Sampling

The City Manager advised that water sampling on Lake Margaret has been conducted approximately every two years. He further advised that the sampling information provides an overall gauge for stability and will allow the City to review trends.

Ms. McClure advised that there are three stations to be tested, and that Kettle Creek Conservation Authority would be taking the lead with the use of the Fire Department boat.

The City Manager advised that the cost for the sampling has been budgeted by the City.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### Lake Margaret Shore Erosion Prevention / Fish Habitat Improvement – Dave Collins

The Chair referred to the discussion earlier in the meeting relating to shoreline plantings.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### Implementation: Environmental Tasks

The City Manager suggested that the committee could review the information and what has been accomplished to date at a future meeting.

Mr. Tarry suggested that it may be time to inspect the French drain in the rear of the properties along Lake Margaret.

The City Manager advised that City drainage staff could inspect the drain.

#### Parkside Water Taking

The City Manager suggested that that there may be more information for the next meeting.

#### Fish Survey

The members agreed to keep the Fish Survey topic under Unfinished Business.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The members agreed to do some community cleanup around Lake Margaret for their April meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on April 18th, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the east side of Lake Margaret.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by J. Tucker - B. McClure:

THAT: The meeting adjourn at 2:44 p.m.

Carried.