

Natural Resources Committee

A subcommittee of Strategic Plan Advisory Committee



City Hall
109 James Street, Upstairs Council Chambers
Wednesday, August 2, 2023, 7:00pm

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
Jay Womack Bill Doeckel Adam McMillen Jeanine McMillen Tom Dickinson Carrie Carter John Frankenthal Stephanie O'hara Dan Ludwig Kelvin Limbrick Rachel Ratos Mel Rooney Steve Matravers Autumn Bruno Sam Kresler (GHS Liaison), David Monaco (SPAC Liaison)
3. Amendments to the Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes from last meeting
5. Active Projects:
 - Earth Day Event
 - i. Keep the light on for 2024.
 - Eastside Fire Station Natural Landscaping Project
 - i. Dan Ludwig continues to monitor the plants.
 - River Clean-up Day
 - i. Start gearing up for Sept 16, 2023.
 - ii. Update flyer, send out and post on social media.
 - Rain Barrels for sale
 - i. Jay has barrels. Barrels are \$75 each.
 - ii. Donate 1 barrel to the Geneva Park District Fndtn for Autumn Fair fundraiser.
 - Greening Geneva Initiative
 - i. Start looking for places to plant parkway trees.
 - ii. Contact Wasco about replacing trees lost – 3 on Franklin in front of Lutheran Church.
 - iii. Need a better way to track and water trees.
 - Wine, Cheese, and Trees
 - i. WCT 2024...
 - ii. Library has already reserved all rooms for the next event.
 - Fabyan Preserve Stewardship
 - i. Workdays will start again in October 2023.
 - Elm Park Restoration Work
 - i. Update from Kelvin
 - NRC Facebook page and Instagram
 - i. Updates from Mel and Kelvin,
 - Recycling Bins on 3rd Street
 - i. The bins are in place and being utilized.
 - Pumpkin Recycling
 - i. Had meeting with Geneva Park District, they are very excited about the event.
 - ii. Date is set for Nov. 4th at Peck Farm Park.
 - iii. Autumn is coordinating with her Middle School, Kane Cty Collects, Kane County Farm Bureau, SCARCE, and Geneva Market (Mark Weaver). Jay is coordinating with Flat Can Recycling.
 - iv. Could have fun food made from pumpkins to offer.
 - Dark Sky Initiative
 - i. NRC to continue to promote the Dark Sky Initiative.
 - Tree Ordinance
 - i. Based on NRC recommendations, there are several sections of the City Code that need to be amended in relation to tree preservation, tree protection, and landscaping.
6. New Initiatives
 - 'Good Bat Neighbor' presentation and NRC lecture series.
 - Create an annual Environmental award – recognize a community member who is making a difference.
 - Create an education piece to reduce plastic and styrofoam at restaurants. Attend Cantigny seminar?
 - Continue to support educational opportunity to move Spring leaf collection into May, not April.
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Additional business
9. Adjournment