



Minutes of the Meeting
Natural Resources Committee
A Subcommittee of the Strategic Advisory Committee
Geneva City Hall
February 3, 2021

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Jay Womack.
2. Geneva NRC Members Present: Jay Womack, Carrie Carter, Bill Doeckel, Rachel Ratos, Steve Matravers, David Gillett (SPAC Liaison), and Anna Kresler (GHS Liaison). Absent: Mel Rooney, Kelvin Limbrick, John Frankenthal, Stephanie O'hara, Tom Dickinson, Adam McMillen, Jeanine McMillen, Dan Ludwig.
3. Amendments to the Agenda. None.
4. Approval of January's Meeting Minutes. Bill Doeckel moved and seconded by Rachel Ratos to approve the January minutes.
5. Barry Stuedemann attended the meeting and provided information on an initiative to get people involved with stewardship activities of natural areas in Mill Creek. Barry is part of the Mill Creek SSA and was a past member of the NRC, he thought this may be something the NRC could help promote and be involved with. Barry will provide information about the work for distribution to the NRC. He will give an update to the SSA and get back to the NRC about possible next steps.
6. Active Projects:
 - Earth Day Event will be cancelled for 2021 due to Covid restrictions.
 - i. Jay confirmed with GPD that NRC could help plant 50 trees on April 24th at Peck Farm North.
 - ii. GPD will verify time and people needed as we get closer to the date.
 - Eastside Fire Station Natural Landscaping Project
 - i. Dan Ludwig cancelled the plants for spring 2020 will redo in 2021. Dan will arrange for plants in the spring.
 - River Clean-up Day
 - i. The event will be held again on the third Saturday in September 2021 to align with Our Fox River.
 - Rain Barrels
 - i. Have four terra cotta in storage.
 - Greening Geneva
 - i. GPDF will use proceeds from 2020 WCT to purchase 50 trees to be planted at Peck Farm Park North.
 - Wine, Cheese and Trees.
 - i. The event will take place February 27, 2021 and will be a virtual event this year.
 - ii. Planning is ongoing with the GPDF.
 - iii. The Geneva Wine Cellar has selected the wines for the event.
 - iv. There are numerous sponsorships secured and items for the live auction are being sought.
 - TreeHab USA
 - i. The program is asleep for now.
 - Fabyan Preserve Stewardship
 - i. Workdays have begun. Limited to 10 people each workday.
 - Elm Park Restoration Work.
 - i. No update given.
 - NRC Facebook and Instagram
 - i. Postings are being made. There is an increase in activity. Instagram is popular.
 - Recycle Bins Initiative
 - i. Public Works has agreed to tryout 5 steel and 5 blue recycling bins next spring to see which works better.
 - ii. The NRC has offered to purchase one.
 - Tree Ordinance
 - i. We are waiting on the City for revisions.
7. New Initiatives
 - Create an education piece to reduce the use of straws, plastic, and even Styrofoam in restaurants and stores.
8. Treasurer's Report – There was no Treasurers Report.
9. Additional business – none.
10. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm. Bill Doeckel moved and Carrie Carter seconded to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted: Jay Womack, Chairperson