



Minutes of the Meeting
Natural Resources Committee
A Subcommittee of the Strategic Advisory Committee
Geneva City Hall
March 2, 2022

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Jay Womack.
2. Geneva NRC Members Present: Jay Womack, Bill Doeckel, John Frankenthal, Carrie Carter, Mel Rooney, and Kelvin Limbrick. Absent: Stephanie O'hara, Sam Kresler (GHS Liaison). Adam McMillen, Jeanine McMillen, Tom Dickinson, Dan Ludwig, Rachel Ratos, Steve Matravers and David Ellett (SPAC Liaison).
3. Amendments to the Agenda. None.
4. Approval of December's Meeting Minutes. Kelvin Limbrick moved and seconded by Bill Doeckel to approve the December minutes.
5. Active Projects:
 - Earth Day Event will be April 23, 2022.
 - i. Event will be from 11 – 3 pm.
 - ii. Sheavon and Christine are organizers
 - iii. Fifty trees to be planted.
 - iv. Jay will order rain barrels
 - v. Jay will talk to Kim regarding the Green Market being at the event.
 - vi. TBD - collect styrofoam and old shoes
 - Eastside Fire Station Natural Landscaping Project
 - i. Dan Ludwig continues to monitor the plants.
 - River Clean-up Day
 - i. The river is waiting for our return in 2022. Get ready.
 - Rain Barrels
 - i. Rain barrels are \$75 each.
 - Greening Geneva
 - i. Trees in front of post office have not been replaced.
 - ii. Need to decide where to plant next group of trees.
 - Wine, Cheese and Trees.
 - i. There were sixty-five names for the event.
 - ii. \$3000 made on ticket sales
 - iii. \$8500 from sponsors
 - iv. \$12000 from Live Auction.
 - v. Need to figure out how to convey how important trees are. This will in turn spur on more excitement for the event which in turn generates more donations which allows the NRC to plant more trees.
 - Fabyan Preserve Stewardship
 - i. Schedule has been sent out.
 - Elm Park Restoration Work.
 - i. No official workdays have been scheduled yet but may be scheduled in the next couple of months.
 - NRC Facebook and Instagram
 - i. Kelvin on Facebook and Mel on Instagram are making postings. Instagram is popular and has approximately 340 followers.
 - Recycling Bins on 3rd Street.
 - i. The bins are still in place – sometimes used as trash bins. Trash bins need to be consistently emptied, especially on the weekend.
 - 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
 - i. Create an education piece on styrofoam and plastics.
 - ii. Greenest Region Compact – possibly approach Dave Kaptain (Elgin Mayor).

7. Treasurer's Report – NRC had approximately \$39,000 to start with payments for the recycling bin (\$1200) and the trees (\$2100) the balance is currently around \$36,000.
8. Additional business – Batavia Environmental Commission (Caroline Burnham) is sending out a survey regarding single use plastics. This was forwarded to Kevin Starr and Ben McCready. In the near future, Kane County Forest Preserve District will be presenting to the NRC on Dark Sky education.
9. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. Kelvin Limbrick moved, and Bill Doeckel seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Carter