



Minutes of the Meeting
Natural Resources Committee
A Subcommittee of the Strategic Advisory Committee
Geneva City Hall
April 7, 2021

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Jay Womack.
2. Geneva NRC Members Present: Jay Womack, Mel Rooney, Kelvin Limbrick, Tom Dickinson, Adam McMillen, and David Ellett (SPAC Liaison). Ben McCready attended as a guest. Absent: Carrie Carter, Bill Doeckel, Rachel Ratos, Steve Matravers, John Frankenthal, Stephanie O'hara, Jeanine McMillen, Dan Ludwig, and Anna Kresler (GHS Liaison).
3. Amendments to the Agenda. None.
4. Approval of Feb.'s Meeting Minutes. Adam McMillen moved and seconded by Mel Rooney to approve the Feb. minutes.
5. Ben McCready and David Ellett provided information on the City's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Task Force. The City is currently seeking applicants to serve on this task force and for the time being it will operate similarly to a sub-committee of SPAC. The NRC was asked to help spread the word about the call for applicants. SPAC strongly desires to recommend the appointment of individuals who can bring diverse and unique perspectives to the table. To be on the DEI Task Force, someone does not need to live in Geneva, they can work here and be included.
6. Active Projects:
 - Earth Day Event for 2021.
 - i. The NRC will help plant 50 trees on April 24th at Peck Farm North.
 - ii. GPD is inviting families and others to help plant the trees.
 - 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. Jay received a new shipment of barrels – 8 black and 4 terra cotta.
 - ii. Jay will distribute the NRC's rain barrel flyer to the group. Barrels are \$75 each.
 - Greening Geneva
 - i. GPDF will use proceeds from 2020 WCT to purchase 50 trees to be planted at Peck Farm Park North.
 - ii. NRC will start to look for additional places to plant trees for 2021.
 - Wine, Cheese and Trees.
 - i. The event went well and all monies have been collected and accounted for.
 - ii. The NRC will receive \$2,174.26 from the GPDF, which is our 15% of the final proceeds. \$10,146.52 is 70% of the final proceeds and will be kept by the GPDF to be used for trees by both groups.
 - 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.
 - ii. Jay asked if the NRC is 'friends' with the Fox Valley Electric Auto Association. Kelvin will look into this.
 - iii. Postings about CEJA and other energy related issues were discussed. It was agreed that information to be posted should be shared with Kevin Stahr to make sure it is in alignment with the City's renewable energy stance.
 - Recycle Bins Initiative
 - iv. To understand if the Pilot Recycle Bin project is successful, PW proposes to collect the bins and sort thru the material to get an estimate of contaminated versus non-contaminated material. NRC may be available to help, depending on the day and time the material is sorted. Ben will coordinate with PW and NRC.
 - v. The NRC has offered to purchase one.
 - Tree Ordinance

- i. We are waiting on the City for revisions.
7. New Discussions
 - Create an education piece to reduce the use of straws, plastic, and even Styrofoam in restaurants and stores.
 - Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA) was discussed. Jay and Adam had a meeting with Bill Scown and Bill Koehl to understand more about CEJA and what it may mean for Geneva. The information was presented to the NRC. The NRC is not taking a stance, this discussion was information for others. If an NRC member would like to write to their State and/or local representative, they may do so as a concerned resident of the City. CEJA is very complicated with numerous pro's and con's associated with the legislation. To help understand some of it, Jay will forward information provided to him by Bill Scown and Bill Koehl.
 - Jay talked about electric vehicles and will forward a newsletter from the Fox Valley Electric Auto Association for their Zoom meeting on April 16th. The meeting is open to anyone with an interest in electric vehicles.
8. Treasurer's Report – The NRC has money and will look to spend some of it on new trees in 2021.
9. Additional business – none.
10. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. Mel Rooney moved and Tom Dickinson seconded to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted: Jay Womack, Chairperson