



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

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Jay Womack.
2. Geneva NRC Members Present: Jay Womack, Carrie Carter, Stephanie O'hara, Bill Doeckel, Anna Kresler (GHS Liaison), and Sam Kresler (In-coming GHS Liaison). Absent: Mel Rooney, Kelvin Limbrick, Rachel Ratos, Tom Dickinson, Adam McMillen, Steve Matravers, John Frankenthal, Jeanine McMillen, Dan Ludwig.
3. Amendments to the Agenda. None.
4. Approval of April's Meeting Minutes. Stephanie O'hara moved and seconded by Bill Doeckel to approve the April minutes.
5. There was a presentation by Girl Scout Troop 1645 about their Silver Award project at Heartland Elementary School. The presentation was about the sensory garden they have been designing and the phases for construction they anticipate. The presentation ended with a request for financial support from the NRC for an ADA accessible raised garden bed in the troop's sensory garden. After questions and answers between the NRC and the Girl Scouts, the NRC unanimously voted to support and purchase one ADA accessible raised garden bed. The troop leaders will coord the purchase of the table with the NRC.
6. Active Projects:
 - Earth Day Event.
 - i. The NRC looks forward to an in-person event for 2022.
 - Eastside Fire Station Natural Landscaping Project
 - i. Dan Ludwig will arrange for a cleanup.
 - River Clean-up Day
 - i. The event will be held Saturday, September 18th, which aligns with Our Fox River.
 - ii. Jay registered the event thru the Friends of the Fox River.
 - iii. The flyer will be updated and sent to NRC for review.
 - Rain Barrels
 - i. Barrels are \$75 each and can be purchased by contacting Jay Womack.
 - Greening Geneva
 - i. Wasco Nursery was contacted regarding replacement of four dead trees from the previous year. Wasco will review trees and replace this Fall.
 - ii. The NRC will begin to identify places for additional trees to be planted this Fall.
 - Wine, Cheese and Trees.
 - i. The next event will be Feb. 2022.
 - TreeHab USA
 - i. The program is asleep for now.
 - Fabyan Preserve Stewardship
 - i. Workdays will begin the first week of October.
 - Elm Park Restoration Work.
 - i. No update given.
 - NRC Facebook and Instagram
 - i. No update was given.
 - Recycle Bins Initiative
 - ii. No update was given.
 - 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.
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 8:10 pm. Stephanie O'hara moved and Bill Doeckel seconded closure.

Respectfully submitted: Jay Womack, Chairperson