



Minutes of the Meeting  
Natural Resources Committee  
A Subcommittee of the Strategic Advisory Committee  
Geneva City Hall  
August 2, 2023

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Jay Womack.
2. Geneva NRC Members Present: Jay Womack, Carrie Carter, John Frankenthal, Kelvin Limbrick, Rachel Ratos, Mel Rooney and David Monaco (SPAC Liaison). Absent: Bill Doeckel, Tom Dickinson, Stephanie O'hara, Adam McMillen, Jeanine McMillen, Dan Ludwig, Steve Matravers and Sam Kresler (GHS Liaison).
3. Amendments to the Agenda. None.
4. Approval of Minutes from June Meeting. Kelvin Limbrick moved and seconded by John Frankenthal to approve the June minutes.
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. Gearing up for September 16, 2023.
    - ii. An updated flyer has been sent and information is being posted on social media.
  - Rain Barrels
    - i. Jay has rain barrels - they are \$75 each.
    - ii. Proposed to donate one rain barrel to the Geneva Park District Foundation for Autumn Fest fundraiser. Carrie moved and John Frankenthal seconded the motion. The motion passed.
  - Greening Geneva
    - i. We are starting to look for places to plant trees this fall. Possible locations include Elm Park, Sterling Manor Park, James Street at Court House.
    - ii. Contact Wasco regarding three trees on Franklin in front of Lutheran Church which need to be replaced.
    - iii. Need to make sure the City is watering trees during prolonged periods of drought. A discussion ensued as to what can be done to ensure Public Works is watering the trees once they are planted. NRC would like to stencil our name on gator bags.
  - Wine, Cheese and Trees.
    - i. The next event will be the last Saturday in February which is February 24, 2024.
    - ii. Library is reserved for the next event.
    - iii. Discussed contacting Paul Jackson Family since they were so generous last year.
  - Fabyan Preserve Stewardship
    - i. Workdays have begun and will continue through May.
  - Elm Park Restoration Work.
    - i. Kelvin is contemplating a burn at the park.
  - NRC Facebook and Instagram
    - i. The City is reading the NRC Facebook postings but is not responding. The NRC would like to respond on Facebook to make sure posters' concerns are being addressed.
  - Recycling Bins on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.
    - i. The bins are still there. The recycling bins do not seem to be emptied as often as the trash. Carrie will pursue this matter further.
  - Dark Sky Initiative
    - ii. NRC will continue to promote the Dark Sky Initiative. The Geneva Park District has signed on.
  - 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. To date the City has not approved the revisions.

6. New Initiatives

- i. 'Good Bat Neighbor' presentation will be held at the library on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. A motion was made by Kelvin to provide up to \$150.00 to the presenter for travel from Indiana. The motion was seconded by John Frankenthal. The motion passed. The NRC intends to start a lecture series in coordination with the Geneva library.
- ii. Create an annual environmental award recognizing a community member who makes a difference. This will be discussed at a later meeting.
- iii. Create an education piece on styrofoam and plastics.
- iv. Continue to support an educational opportunity to move Spring leaf collection into May and not April.

7. Treasurer's Report – We have cash.

8. Additional business – None to be had.

9. Adjournment - John Frankenthal moved and Rachel Ratos seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Carter