



Minutes of the Meeting  
Natural Resources Committee  
A Subcommittee of the Strategic Advisory Committee  
Geneva City Hall  
August 3, 2022

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Jay Womack.
2. Geneva NRC Members Present: Jay Womack, Bill Doeckel, Tom Dickinson, Mel Rooney, Kelvin Limbrick, Steve Matravers.  
Absent: John Frankenthal, Carrie Carter, Stephanie O'hara, Adam McMillen, Jeanine McMillen, Dan Ludwig, Rachel Ratos, (GHS Liaison Sam Kresler, and David Ellett (SPAC Liaison).
3. Amendments to the Agenda. None.
4. Approval of Minutes from May Meeting. Kelvin Limbrick moved and seconded by Mel Rooney to approve the May minutes.
5. Adam Kreuzer made a presentation on the Dark Sky initiative to reduce light pollution. Discussed benefits of soft amber LED lights. Goal is to achieve lighting ordinances in cities. Chicago is the number 1 hazard for migrating birds due to nighttime lighting. NRC will promote on social media. John Frankenthal will bring information to the Geneva Park District. Have Adam present at Geneva City Council meeting. Discussed having Geneva become Dark Sky compliant.
6. Active Projects:
  - Earth Day Event will be April 2023.
    - i. Jay and GPD will begin organization in December 2022.
  - Eastside Fire Station Natural Landscaping Project
    - i. Dan Ludwig continues to monitor the plants.
  - River Clean-up Day
    - i. The river cleanup is set for Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 9 to noon.
    - ii. Meet on Island Park to start the event.
    - iii. The flyer will be updated and posted to social media outlets and city website.
    - iv. Jay will pick up snacks, garbage bags, and misc items from Costco.
    - v. Kelvin registered event with Friends of the Fox.
  - Rain Barrels
    - i. Rain barrels are \$75 each.
    - ii. Three barrels were sold out of inventory.
  - Greening Geneva
    - i. Bill will walk 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and cross streets to find places for trees.
    - ii. Jay and Steve will review City GIS portal for places to plant trees.
    - iii. List will be sent to PW to verify places.
  - Wine, Cheese and Trees.
    - i. Fingers crossed we will be live next year.
  - Fabyan Preserve Stewardship
    - i. Workdays will start again in October 2022.
  - Elm Park Restoration Work.
    - i. Kelvin will restart work this Fall.
  - NRC Facebook and Instagram
    - i. Social media posts are going well.
    - ii. Kelvin will post Dark Sky presentation.
    - iii. Mel will post Dark Sky presentation.
  - Free Library on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
    - i. Steve and Mel built a free library on 3rd Street, just south of Livia next to a building owned by Mel. They put books about the environment and native plants in to start with, all of the books have found new homes.
    - ii. Jay contacted Geneva Library for possible book donations for the library.
    - iii. The NRC will look at their own home libraries to help keep books in the library.
  - Recycling Bins on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.
    - i. Nothing to report.
  - 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.

7. New Initiatives

- i. Create an education piece on styrofoam and plastics.
- ii. Dark Sky education with Geneva Park District.
  - a. The NRC and GPD will co-host a presentation at the Geneva Library, Sept 22, 7pm.
  - b. The Room is reserved.

8. Treasurer's Report – We have cash.

9. Additional business

1. Three Geneva residents were at the meeting to discuss the mosquito program administered by Clarke.
2. They are concerned that the material being sprayed is harmful to pollinator species, plants, and possibly to residents.
3. They would like to talk about opportunities to inform the public about natural strategies to control mosquitoes and keep spraying to areas with heavy populations of mosquitoes and low density of residential housing.
4. Could there be a way to only use tablets dropped in manholes to control larvae populations, not the aerial spray to control flying mosquitoes.
5. They provided information on the active ingredients in the spray.
6. They presented information on how residents can opt out of the spray program.
7. They presented information on the low levels of mosquito populations and where the tests are taken.

10. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. Bill Doeckel moved, Kelvin Limbrick seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Womack