



Minutes of the Meeting  
Natural Resources Committee  
A Subcommittee of the Strategic Advisory Committee  
Geneva City Hall  
August 4, 2021

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Jay Womack.
2. Geneva NRC Members Present: Jay Womack, Kelvin Limbrick, Rachel Ratos, John Frankenthal, Bill Doeckel, Adam McMillen, Steve Matravers, Sam Kresler (GHS Liaison). Absent: Carrie Carter, Stephanie O'hara, Mel Rooney, Tom Dickinson, Jeanine McMillen, Dan Ludwig.
3. Amendments to the Agenda. None.
4. Approval of July's Meeting Minutes. Kelvin Limbrick moved and seconded by John Frankenthal to approve the July minutes.
5. 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 9am to noon, which aligns with Our Fox River Day.
    - ii. Jay registered the event thru the Friends of the Fox River.
    - iii. The flyer will be distributed thru various social media and email chains, posted at stores, and distributed thru GHS Environmental Club.
    - iv. Jay will purchase snacks, garbage bags, etc. for the event.
  - 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 along 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Wasco will provide a list of available trees to be used as choices for available spots along 3<sup>rd</sup>.
    - iii. There was a general discussion regarding lost trees along Anderson Boulevard, near the home of one of the members, and how the NRC can help inform homeowners about the opportunity to replace lost parkway trees.
    - iv. The NRC will look into the 50/50 Program offered by the City and see how many people are on the wait list and if there is something the NRC can do to encourage more people to join the Program and if the NRC could help fund trees on the wait list.
    - v. NRC members may look at opportunities to take flyers door to door to discuss the importance of trees with neighbors and how they can replant parkway trees thru the 50/50 Program with the City.
    - vi. The NRC will include info for the 50/50 Program into Wine, Cheese, and Trees.
    - vii. The NRC will look into any outstanding tree planting funds from 2021's WCT event held with the Geneva Park District Foundation to see if there are remaining funds to be used toward parkway trees 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. With the upcoming River Cleanup Day, there will be an opportunity to post photos of the event and promote to river.
- Recycle Bins Initiative
  - ii. No update was given.
- Tree Ordinance
  - i. We are waiting on the City for revisions.
- 6. New Discussions
  - Create an education piece to reduce the use of straws, plastic, and even Styrofoam in restaurants and stores.
- 7. Treasurer's Report – The NRC has money and will look to spend some of it on new trees in 2021.
- 8. Additional business – none.
- 9. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. Bill Doeckel moved and Kelvin Limbrick seconded closure.

Respectfully submitted: Jay Womack, Chairperson