



Minutes of the Meeting  
Natural Resources Committee  
A Subcommittee of the Strategic Advisory Committee  
Geneva City Hall  
October 5, 2022

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Jay Womack.
2. Geneva NRC Members Present: Jay Womack, Stephanie O'hara, Mel Rooney, Rachel Ratos, John Frankenthal, Kelvin Limbrick, and Billie Malecki (SPAC Liaison). Absent: Steve Matravers Bill Doeckel, Adam McMillen, Tom Dickinson, Carrie Carter, Jeanine McMillen, Dan Ludwig, GHS Liaison Sam Kresler.
3. Amendments to the Agenda. None.
4. Approval of Minutes from September Meeting. Kelvin Limbrick moved and seconded by Stephanie O'hara to approve the minutes.
5. 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 was a huge success again, thanks to everyone that pitched in to help.
    - ii. The NRC counted sign-in names and had 103 people show up for the event.
    - iii. The gift cards were given out as awards for the three categories and one additional for the person that continued to work hard throughout the day.
  - Rain Barrels
    - i. Rain barrels are \$75 each.
  - Dark Sky education with Geneva Park District.
    - i. The Dark Sky presentation at the library was a big success, there were almost 25 people in attendance.
    - ii. Two people from the event came to the NRC meeting and thanked us for hosting the event.
  - Greening Geneva
    - i. Bill and Tom walked 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and cross streets with Wasco and others to review the approved list of places for trees from PW.
    - ii. Wasco is developing two proposals based on the areas walked, those in parkways and those on County property around the courthouse.
    - iii. Wasco Nursery will contact the County for a walk around their property to identify opportunities to plant trees.
  - Wine, Cheese and Trees.
    - i. Jay met with Christine Lazarus at the library to discuss holding the event there in 2023.
    - ii. Christine will discuss the request with her Foundation and Board and get back to the NRC.
  - 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 and Mel will post additional information about the Dark Sky presentation.
    - iii. Jay will send out the full ppt presentation provided by Adam.
  - Free Library on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
    - i. 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.
6. New Initiatives



1. Create an education piece on styrofoam and plastics.
  2. Mel will meet with Ben McCready to discuss our educational initiative to have a later spring pick up date for free leaf litter. A later start date would benefit important insects that overwinter in the leaf matter and become active as migrating birds come into the area.
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7. Treasurer's Report – We have cash.
  8. Additional business
    1. Billie Malecki talked about SPAC's work on the 10 year plan. He discussed additional involvement from the NRC to help educate residents about ways they can make a difference in Geneva's impact on the environment.
      - i. Ideas discussed included outreach and education for energy conservation, outreach and education on water conservation, and efforts to create ordinance language that created stronger rules for energy conservation, especially in new construction and development.
      - ii. Incentives of some sort were also discussed to help residents and businesses pro-actively reduce their energy and ecological footprint.
  9. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. Stephanie O'hara moved, Kelvin Limbrick seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Womack