

Natural Resources Committee

A subcommittee of Strategic Plan Advisory Committee



City Hall
109 James Street, Upstairs Council Chambers
Wednesday, September 6, 2023, 7:00pm

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
Jay Womack Bill Doeckel Adam McMillen Jeanine McMillen Tom Dickinson Carrie Carter John Frankenthal Stephanie O'hara Dan Ludwig Kelvin Limbrick Rachel Ratos Mel Rooney Steve Matravers Autumn Bruno Sam Kresler (GHS Liaison), David Monaco (SPAC Liaison)
3. Amendments to the Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes from last meeting
5. Active Projects:
 - Earth Day Event
 - i. Keep the light on at Peck Farm for 2024.
 - Eastside Fire Station Natural Landscaping Project
 - i. Dan Ludwig continues to monitor the plants.
 - River Clean-up Day
 - i. Date is Sept 16, 2023, 9 to noon.
 - ii. Updated flyer has been posted at City and sent thru various channels on social media.
 - iii. Jay will pick up items, snacks, etc. from Costco
 - iv. Steve is working on a dumpster to be at Fabyan
 - v. NRC to meet at spillway on Island Park around 8:30 to set up.
 - Rain Barrels for sale
 - i. Jay has barrels. Barrels are \$75 each.
 - ii. NRC donated 1 barrel to the Geneva Park District Fndtn for Autumn Fair fundraiser.
 - Greening Geneva Initiative
 - i. Look at location across from State Bank of Geneva.
 - ii. Contacted Wasco about replacing 2 trees lost on Franklin in front of Lutheran Church.
 - iii. Need a better way to track and water trees.
 - iv. Jay contacted GPD, they are interested in planting more trees in parks thru the communal WCT funds.
 - v. Jay contacted the County to see if they have additional locations for trees.
 - Wine, Cheese, and Trees
 - i. WCT 2024...
 - ii. Library has already reserved all rooms for the next event.
 - Fabyan Preserve Stewardship
 - i. Workdays will start again in October 2023. Schedule has been sent.
 - Elm Park Restoration Work
 - i. Update from Kelvin
 - NRC Facebook page and Instagram
 - i. Updates from Mel and Kelvin,
 - Recycling Bins on 3rd Street
 - i. The bins are in place and being utilized.
 - Pumpkin Recycling
 - i. Had meeting with Geneva Park District and Claire Ryan of Kane County, the event will be held Saturday, Nov. 4th, 10 to noon, at the Districts Community Gardens.
 - ii. Autumn is coordinating with her Middle School, Kane Cty Collects, Kane County Farm Bureau, SCARCE, Geneva Market (Mark Weaver), and Flat Can Recycling.
 - iii. Autumn is sending a letter of request to the City of Geneva.
 - NRC Lecture Series
 - i. NRC will begin a quarterly lecture series on environmental education opportunities. The lectures will be held at the Library.
 - ii. The first lecture was by 'Good Bat Neighbor'.
 - iii. The second lecture will be the Kane/DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District on Dec. 9th.
 - iv. A calendar of ideas is being created by Rachel.

- Dark Sky Initiative
 - i. NRC to continue to promote the Dark Sky Initiative.
 - ii. Geneva Park District has adopted a Resolution to be Dark Sky Compliant.
 - 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
 - Create an annual Environmental award – recognize a community member who is making a difference.
 - Create an education piece to reduce plastic and styrofoam at restaurants. Attend Cantigny seminar?
 - Continue to support educational opportunity to move Spring leaf collection into May, not April.
 7. Treasurer’s Report
 8. Additional business
 9. Adjournment