



Minutes of the Meeting
Natural Resources Committee
A Subcommittee of the Strategic Advisory Committee
Geneva City Hall
April 5, 2023

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Jay Womack.
2. Geneva NRC Members Present: Jay Womack, Bill Doeckel, Carrie Carter, Stephanie O'hara, Kelvin Limbrick, Rachel Ratos. Absent: Tom Dickinson, Mel Rooney, John Frankenthal, Adam McMillen, Jeanine McMillen, Dan Ludwig, Steve Matravers and Sam Kresler (GHS Liaison), (SPAC Liaison). Also present: Ben McCready (Asst. City Administrator) and Adam Dagley (Manager Peck Farm).
3. Amendments to the Agenda. None.
4. Approval of Minutes from March Meeting. Kelvin Limbrick moved and seconded by Stephanie O'Hara to approve the March minutes.
5. Active Projects:
 - Earth Day Event.
 - i. Discussed details of the event. Who will be there and who will not. Jay not likely, Bill maybe. Kelvin, Stephanie, Rachel, and Carrie plan to be there. Arrive around 10:15/10:30.
 - ii. Theme remains Healthy Community Healthy Earth
 - iii. Adam Dagley will meet with NRC later in the month for an Earth Day planning meeting.
 - iv. Wild Fries, Alice's Kitchen, and Mark Weaver will be at the event to provide food.
 - v. Poster has been sent and posted.
 - vi. There will be recycling for fabrics, shoes, textiles, electronics and styrofoam, but sadly no paper shredder.
 - vii. Black trash cans will be provided by the park district for painting by kids. These painted cans will be placed at various Geneva parks.
 - viii. Emergency services will handle traffic.
 - ix. The electric cars will be there.
 - x. Schedule a Team call with the vendors around 7:00 pm this week to discuss final plans.
 - xi. Tomato seedlings will be available.
 - xii. Kelvin will pass out tree seedlings.
 - xiii. Kim Valentine will have a recycling display.
 - xiv. Information on 50/50 program.
 - xv. Scavenger Hunt.
 - xvi. Yoga maybe.
 - xvii. Pumpkin recycling information.
 - xviii. Discussed where vendors/exhibits will be located. Adam passed around a map of proposed locations for vendors and other activities.
 - xix. NRC will sell rain barrels again at \$75.00 each.
 - Eastside Fire Station Natural Landscaping Project
 - i. Dan Ludwig continues to monitor the plants.
 - River Clean-up Day
 - i. Stay tuned for 2023.
 - Rain Barrels
 - i. Rain barrels are \$75 each.
 - Greening Geneva
 - i. Kane County approved trees at the Court House and Government Center.
 - ii. Would like to plant trees this spring.
 - Wine, Cheese and Trees.
 - i. The event was a huge success.
 - ii. Grossed \$54,180.00. Net \$44,041.27. Approximately 30,829 will be held by the Geneva Park Foundation and earmarked for planting trees. The remaining 30% will be divided three ways with the library, the park foundation and the NRC each receiving \$4,404.13. These funds may be used by each group as appropriate.
 - Fabyan Preserve Stewardship

- i. Workdays have begun and will continue through May.
 - Elm Park Restoration Work.
 - i. Kelvin has been working at Elm Park.
 - NRC Facebook and Instagram
 - i. Earth Day event has been posted.
 - Recycling Bins on 3rd Street.
 - i. The bins are still there.
 - Dark Sky Initiative
 - ii. NRC will continue to promote the Dark Sky Initiative.
 - 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
- i. Create an education piece on styrofoam and plastics.
 - ii. Mosquito abatement program awareness for need to spray.
 - iii. Ben McCready to discuss educational opportunity to move Spring leaf collection into May, not April. Included discussion of "No Mow May" which is really try not to mow until Mother's Day. Discussed how to advance it with the City Council. Also discussed SPAC hiring a facilitator to update the Master Plan. Representatives from the NRC should be involved with discussing the update which will likely be in June or July. Include discussions on styrofoam, straws, plastic bags, Dark Sky, tree ordinance and repopulating trees. Since Geneva is not a home rule city, they are a bit limited on what they can regulate.
7. Treasurer's Report – We have cash.
8. Additional business – None to be had.
9. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. Kelvin Limbrick moved and Bill Doeckel seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Carter