



Minutes of the Meeting
Natural Resources Committee
A Subcommittee of the Strategic Advisory Committee
Geneva City Hall
May 4, 2022

1. Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by Jay Womack.
2. Geneva NRC Members Present: Jay Womack, Bill Doeckel, Tom Dickinson, Carrie Carter, Kelvin Limbrick. Absent: Mel Rooney, Stephanie O'hara, Adam McMillen, Jeanine McMillen, John Frankenthal, Dan Ludwig, Rachel Ratos, Steve Matravers, Sam Kresler (GHS Liaison) and Dave Monaco (SPAC Liaison).
3. Amendments to the Agenda. None.
4. Approval of Minutes from April Meeting. Kelvin Limbrick moved and seconded by Bill Doeckel to approve the April minutes.
5. Active Projects:
 - Earth Day Event will be April 23, 2022.
 - i. Recap of the event. This year was "Earth Day Lite." Plan to meet in January 2023 with Adam Dagley (Manager at Peck Farm) and vendors to start planning. Plan to have paper shredder, Dart Container, mattress recycler. Have food available. For kids have chalk art and a scavenger hunt with Graham's Ice Cream Coupons as prize.
 - Eastside Fire Station Natural Landscaping Project
 - i. Dan Ludwig continues to monitor the plants.
 - River Clean-up Day
 - i. The river is waiting for our return in 2022. Get ready.
 - Rain Barrels
 - i. Rain barrels are \$75 each. There are seven left. Sold four at Earth Day.
 - Greening Geneva
 - i. More trees will be planted in 2022 – need to plan where to place them. Discussed planting trees behind Josef's deli. Talked to Wasco about replacing the trees in front of the post office. We plant approximately 20 large trees per year. They have a 3-year warranty. Because of their size and the warranty, the trees to be more expensive.
 - Wine, Cheese and Trees.
 - i. Fingers crossed we will be live next year.
 - ii. Approximately \$21,523.91 was netted at the event. GPD and NRC will each receive 3,228.58 for trees. Will jointly hold 15,616,
 - Fabyan Preserve Stewardship
 - i. Workdays are being held through May.
 - Elm Park Restoration Work.
 - i. No mowing in May. Planted baby oaks. Pulling garlic mustard.
 - NRC Facebook and Instagram
 - i. Jay, Mel and Kelvin met with Ben and Kevin at the City regarding content for Facebook and Instagram. Message needs to be local and positive. Cannot propose policy.
 - Recycling Bins on 3rd Street.
 - 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. Dark Sky education with Kane County Forest Preserve District.
The group discussed Audubon and the Dark Sky Initiative. Talked about how to promote Dark Sky Initiative. Encourage the City to have a proclamation. Provide educational material.
7. Treasurer's Report – We have money.
8. Additional business – Lake Shore Recycling being renewed. Would like to recommend delaying free brush collection for pollinators.

9. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. Bill Doeckel moved, and Kelvin Limbrick seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Carter