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Avian Committee Agenda
Tuesday, August 11, 2026 - 6:00 PM
Lake Geneva City Hall; Conference Room 2A (2nd Floor)

Members:

President: Sarah McConnell

Beverly Leonard, Jill Rodriguez, Karen Gallo, Kelley Happ and Alderperson Linda Frame

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the minutes from July 14, 2026
4. Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes, limited to items on this agenda
5. Review Financial Reports
6. Discussion/Recommendation regarding funding additional purple martin houses in the 2027 budget
7. Discussion/Recommendation regarding Policy and Ordinance Initiatives
 - a. Exterior Lighting Standards/Dark Sky Ordinance
 - b. Climate Related Topics
8. Discussion/Recommendation regarding Annual Events
 - a. Swift Night Out
 - b. Participation in the Christmas Parade of Trees at the Geneva Lake Museum
9. Project and Partnership Reports
 - a. Hotel Birding Backpacks
 - b. Purple Martin/Kestrel houses
 - c. Native Plant Grant
10. Adjournment

A quorum of the Council may be present; however, no official Council action will be taken.
Requests from persons with disabilities who need assistance to participate in this meeting should be made to the City Clerk's office in advance
so that the appropriate accommodations can be made.

Avian Committee Minutes
Tuesday, July 14, 2026 6 p.m. Lake Geneva City Hall; Conference Room 2A

Members:

President – Sarah McConnell, Secretary – Kelley Happ
Jill Rodriguez, Beverly Leonard, Karen Gallo, and Alderperson Linda Frame

1. Call to Order: 6:05 p.m. by Sarah McConnell

2. Roll Call. The following members were present: Sarah McConnell, Kelley Happ, Beverly Leonard, Karen Gallo and Alderperson Linda Frame. Jill Rodriguez was excused, Victoria Ross has resigned
Others present: David Winger

3. Approval of minutes from June 9, 2026

Motion: Leonard moved to accept the minutes, second by Gallo

Voice Vote: Minutes approved

4. Comments from the Public: There were no public comments

5. Review Financial Reports:

No new report

6. Discussion/Recommendation regarding Policy and Ordinance Initiatives:

a. Exterior Lighting Standards/Dark Sky Ordinance Ross, our lead person on the Dark Sky Ordinance has resigned. McConnell agreed to talk with her about our next steps to further this ordinance.

b. Climate related topics pertaining to birds. No discussion at this time

7. Discussion/Recommendation regarding Annual Events and Initiatives:

a. Swift Night Out: Date is Thursday, September 10, 2026 at Geneva Lake Museum. McConnell reported that the Swift Working Group in Wisconsin wants to help publicize our event. Happ will work on publicity and flyers. McConnell suggested an historic site plaque for the Museum on next month's agenda.

b. Avian Educational Activities: Discussed the need to provide more public education for our very successful Purple Martin houses

8. Discussion/Recommendation regarding Projects and Partnerships:

a. Hotel Birding Backpacks:

Baker House has requested a birding backpack. Agreed to ask Rodriguez to contact them

b. Purple Martin/Kestrel houses:

Purple Martins - Leonard updated activity in our Martin houses - and reported full houses and a very successful program. She requested we add an item on next month's agenda regarding earmarking money for two more Martin houses in our budget next year.

Kestrel House –Public Works installed the base post; Larry and Kelley Happ worked with Kevin Dickey of the Lakeland Audubon Society to install the new house.

c. Native Plant Project at Hillmoor:

A variety of ninety specially selected and donated native plants were dug into our prepared garden plot at Hillmoor They look very healthy.

9. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Happ, seconded by Leonard

Voice vote carried at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kelley Happ

Secretary, Avian Committee

Account Number	Account Title	2026-26 Period Actual	2026-26 Current year Actual	Current year Budget	Variance Current year	% of Budget
GENERAL FUND						
MISCELLANEOUS						
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11-70-00-47300	AVIAN DONATIONS	.00	.00	250.00	250.00	.00
Total MISCELLANEOUS:		.00	.00	250.00	250.00	.00
MISCELLANEOUS						
11-70-00-57800	AVIAN COMMITTEE EXPENSES	108.00	2,092.74	3,500.00	1,407.26	59.79
Total MISCELLANEOUS:		108.00	2,092.74	3,500.00	1,407.26	59.79
Net Total GENERAL FUND:		108.00-	2,092.74-	3,250.00-	1,157.26-	64.39
Net Grand Totals:		108.00-	2,092.74-	3,250.00-	1,157.26-	64.39

Date	Journal	Reference Number	Payee or Description	Account Number	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Balance
AVIAN DONATIONS			06/30/2026 (06/26) Balance	11-70-00-47300			.00
			07/31/2026 (07/26) Period Totals and Balance		.00 *	.00 *	.00
YTD Encumbrance	.00	YTD Actual	.00 Total	.00 YTD Budget	-250.00 Unearned	250.00	
AVIAN COMMITTEE EXPENSES			06/30/2026 (06/26) Balance	11-70-00-57800			1,984.74
06/09/2026	AP	1047	IMPRESSIONS COUNT PRINTING INC		108.00		
			**Desc: AVIAN RACK CARDS				
			07/31/2026 (07/26) Period Totals and Balance		108.00 *	.00 *	2,092.74
YTD Encumbrance	.00	YTD Actual	2,092.74 Total	2,092.74 YTD Budget	3,500.00 Unexpended	1,407.26	
AVIAN COMMITTEE DONATION EXP			06/30/2026 (06/26) Balance	11-70-00-57810			.00
			07/31/2026 (07/26) Period Totals and Balance		.00 *	.00 *	.00
YTD Encumbrance	.00	YTD Actual	.00 Total	.00 YTD Budget	.00 Unexpended	.00	

Number of Transactions: 1 Number of Accounts: 3

Total GENERAL FUND:

Number of Transactions: 1 Number of Accounts: 3

Grand Totals:

Debit	Credit	Proof
108.00	.00	108.00
108.00	.00	108.00