

City of Lake Geneva Avian Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 14, 2026
City Council Conference Room 2A

1. **Call to Order:** 6:04 PM by Sarah McConnell
2. **Roll Call:** The following members were present: Beverly Leonard, Sarah McConnell, Jill Rodriguez, Victoria Ross, and Alderperson JaNelle Powers. Members absent, but excused, were: Karen Gallo and Kelly Happ. Others present: David Winger.
3. **Approval of Avian Committee Minutes from March 10, 2026:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Rodriguez, and seconded by McConnell. The motion was passed.
4. **Comments from the Public:** None.
5. **Financial Report:** McConnell will make sure our request for 2025 carry-over has been received and accepted.
6. **Policy and Ordinance Initiatives:** No Updates
7. **Annual Events and Applications:**
 - a. The Swift Night Out Event has been posted on the Bird City Wisconsin website with a note of the date change to the 2nd Thursday of September.
 - b. Bird City Application. No update from Bird City Wisconsin on our application status.
 - c. World Migratory Bird Day. For the Tuesday @ 2 Program, McConnell has ordered two (2) brochures ("Every Bird Counts.." and "Shared Spaces") from WorldMigratoryBirdDay.org, and Rodriguez will provide the birding maps from the Bird Watching Backup materials. Ross will provide flyers and kids' activity materials to be used in the Bird Migration Display at LGPL. The Tuesday @ 2 Event has been posted to the Bird City Wisconsin website.
8. **Projects and Partnerships**
 - a. Hotel Birding Backpacks. No updates.
 - b. Purple Martin/Kestral Houses. Six new gourds were purchased, powder insecticide has been applied, and all houses were opened on Sunday, April 12. On the 12th, three (3) Purple Martins made an appearance, and by Tuesday, April 14, the Beach House was completely occupied.
 - c. Native Plant Grant Project. McConnell & Betty Volquardsen met with two representatives from While Pelican Farm (WPF). WPF gave some great suggestions on plants, how to keep weeds out of the newly tilled area, and to keep deer at bay.
9. **Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM was made by Rodriguez, and seconded by Leonard. The motion passed.

Next Meeting Date & Time: The next Avian Committee Meeting will be on May 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Conference Room 2A.

Respectfully submitted 04/17/2026
Victoria Ross