

**City of Lake Geneva Avian Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 6:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers**

1. Call to order: 6:00 PM by Alderperson Flower

2. Roll Call. The following members were present: Cindy Flower - Alderperson, Carol Zimmermann, Jill Rodriguez, Sarah McConnell, Beverly Leonard, Kelley Happ. Karen Gallo was excused. There were no members of the public present.

3. Approval of Avian Committee meeting minutes from October 2021

Motion to approve minutes by Zimmermann, second by Rodriguez. The motion was passed.

4. Comments from the Public

There were no comments.

5. Bird City Application:

Committee members voted unanimously to approve a draft World Migratory Bird Day Resolution for City Council to approve at their December or early January meeting. This is part of the Bird city application packet that will be sent, along with a check, from David Nord's computer before January 31, 2022. Zimmermann will send a copy of the resolution to Flower to include in the Council packet.

6. Budget Update:

Flower reported that the City Council approved the budget as a whole.

7. January Strategic Meeting

The committee agreed to schedule a **special meeting** on Thursday, January 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. for strategic planning so that we don't overreach our time and energy. At this time we will make a list of our upcoming plans and review any potential new ideas. We are all asked to bring any information about grants and awards we may know about. The meeting will be held upstairs in the Conference Room.

8. World Migratory Bird Day:

May 14 is the global World Migratory Bird Day celebration. Traditionally we have linked this event to the capstone educational project and with the Geneva Lake Conservancy bird walk. These issues will be addressed at the Special Strategic Meeting on January 6.

9. Cookies for a Cause:

Rodriguez reported that she received a check for \$340 from Simple Bakery from their Cookies for a Cause program in September. Rodriguez will give the check to the City for deposit into our account. The money will be used for the child portion of our Swift Night Out family event.

10. Park Board and Update:

Flower reported that the Park Board did not include money for signs in their 2022 budget. We will discuss the idea of a letter to the Park Board about moving the Four Seasons sign when we meet on January 6.

11. Christmas Bird Count:

The committee agreed to spread the word about the Christmas Bird Count on our social media pages.

12. Potential Grant or Partnership Opportunities:

Committee members are requested to bring any information about potential grants or partnership opportunities to our Special Planning Meeting on January 6.

13. Next Meeting Date and Time:

Thursday, January 6 from 6 – 8 p.m. in the upstairs Conference Room

14. Future Agenda Items

- Bird City Application update
- Speaker ideas for our next Swift Night Out
- Strategic Planning Meeting to include 2022 priorities and activities
- Partnerships, funding opportunities and potential grants

Adjourn:

Zimmermann moved to adjourn, seconded by Happ and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kelley Happ

1/2/2022