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**AVIAN COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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6:00 p.m. October 5, 2021 Avian Committee
Tue, Oct 5, 2021 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CDT)

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AGENDA

Committee Members: Beverly Leonard, Sarah McConnell, Jill Rodriguez, Karen Gallo, Carol Zimmermann, Kelley Happ, and Cindy Flower- Alderperson

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Approval of the minutes from September 7, 2021
- 4) Comments from the public
- 5) Budget Update
- 6) Bird City Application
- 7) Swift Night Out Roundup
- 8) Brownie Troup badge roundup
- 9) Park Board relationships and thanks
- 10) Christmas Tree Walk at museum
- 11) Christmas Bird Count
- 12) Next Meeting Date & Time (November 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.)
- 13) Future Agenda Items
- 14) Adjourn

*This is a meeting of the Avian Committee.
No official City Council action will be taken; however, a quorum of the Council may be present.*

cc: Tourism Commissioners, Mayor, Administrator

**City of Lake Geneva Avian Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 7, 2021, 6:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers**

1. Call to order: 6:02 PM by Alderperson Flower

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

3. Approval of Avian Committee meeting minutes from August 2021

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

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

5. Plaque for St. Francis School:

A plaque from the Avian Committee to St. Francis School will be presented at the City Council meeting on Monday, September 13. It was confirmed by Flower that this will be the first item on the agenda. Zimmermann will forward the information to the Mayor, who will present the plaque.

6. Review Budget Request:

Reviewed the budget report and request that will be presented to the City on September 23. Leonard requested an amount of \$75 be included in the budget for membership in the Purple Martin Conservation Association. She suggested this amount could be offset from proceeds from Cookies for a Cause or grant money. Rodriguez suggested that \$80 be put into the Purple Martin column and taken from the Grow Native column, taking the Grow Native column to \$300. It was also suggested we use money for Story Book Trail maintenance from our carry-over funds from last year (\$1350). Zimmermann will make changes and send the document and spreadsheet to the comptroller by Wednesday (Sept. 8).

Action: Budget proposal and request will reflect an amount of \$3025 for the 2022 year (same as last year) but our working budget will be \$4375 that includes a carry over amount of \$1350. A motion to approve this proposal was made by Flower; seconded by Zimmermann and passed.

7. Bird City Application:

Zimmermann led a discussion of the Bird City application, going over the application from last year, noting which sections will need to be edited and assigning each committee member sections to update. Members were instructed to go to Google Drive and update the sections themselves. Flower will write a draft resolution from the city. It was stressed that the application has to be in third person and include only the activities in 2021 – not what we are planning to do. All sections have to be backed up by evidence. She also noted that photos or articles must be named properly for inclusion. The application and edits will be addressed at the October meeting.

8. Public Events and Community Outreach/Brochures:

Zimmermann commented that the rack cards are very successful in getting our information and events out to the public. Rodriguez suggested we put information and directions to the Story Book Trail in the kids' library backpacks.

Swift Night Out: (September 9) Rodriguez did a commercial for the event today. McConnell asked members to be there by 5 pm to help get the SNO started. The raptor program will be inside the museum.

Zimmermann will send the PowerPoint presentation (to be given by Michael Schlesinger) to Janet at the museum. The handouts are printed and ready. Vendors are lined up - YoJo's and ice cream.

Brownie Scouts and Badges: Zimmermann has arranged to work with a Brownie Troup at Central/Dennison School on Tuesdays Sept 21 and 28 to teach them how to be a friend to backyard and migrating birds. She will prepare game materials. McConnell, Rodriguez, Gallo and Happ volunteered to help.

9. Purple Martin Update:

Leonard and Gallo report that the martins are gone for the year. Nest tenders will clean out the boxes – McConnell suggested they wait till Oct. 1 to leave them available for migrating birds. She also suggested bringing the boxes down to half-mast when they are cleaned (we will not be taking them down for the winter). Leonard recorded a total of 45 babies this year, in spite of the weird weather. Houses were moved this year from Fermano Pond and the Museum to the lakefront because they had not recorded any martin activity. No one has monitored the houses at Four Seasons Nature Park because there is no easy access to reach or monitor them. Rodriguez will contact Nancy Wolfe to see if she wants to volunteer to take on more houses along the lakefront.

10. Cookies for a Cause:

Rodriguez relayed information about Simple Bakery's Cookies for a Cause. The Avian Committee is the "cause" for the month of September and Rodriguez requested help to bag cookies on Monday mornings Sept. 13, 20 and 27. Rodriguez will make an announcement at Swift Night Out to encourage support for our cause and for Simple.

11. Christmas Tree Walk at the Museum and Christmas Bird Count:

The tree will be set up in late November but we need new ideas for decorations – maybe colorful seed packets. This can be tied in to Grow Native. We can ask people to take a packet and plant seeds.

Bird Count: Zimmermann will contact Audubon Society and see what information we need to put out.

12. Learn to Soar Proclamation: See item 5

13. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 5 at 6 p.m.

14. Future Agenda Items:

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15. Adjourn: Zimmermann moved to adjourn, seconded by Leonard and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kelley Happ

9/27/21

Account Number	Account Title	2021-21 Period Actual	2021-21 Current year Actual	Current year Budget	Variance Current year	% of Budget
GENERAL FUND						
MISCELLANEOUS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
11-70-00-47300	AVIAN DONATIONS	.00	7.00	1,330.00	1,323.00	.53
Total MISCELLANEOUS:		.00	7.00	1,330.00	1,323.00	.53
MISCELLANEOUS						
11-70-00-57800	AVIAN COMMITTEE EXPENSES	498.50	2,982.28	3,025.00	42.72	98.59
Total MISCELLANEOUS:		498.50	2,982.28	3,025.00	42.72	98.59
Net Total GENERAL FUND:		498.50-	2,975.28-	1,695.00-	1,280.28	175.53
Net Grand Totals:		498.50-	2,975.28-	1,695.00-	1,280.28	175.53