

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA

AVIAN COMMITTEE

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES MARCH 14, 2023

LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL ROOM 2A (UPPER LEVEL)

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:01 by Sarah McConnell.

ROLL CALL Present: McConnell, Rodriguez, Zimmerman, Gallo, Alderperson Yager, Leonard (arrived at 6:06A),

Absent – Excused: Happ

Also present Alderperson Fesenmaier

MINUTES of the February 14, 2023 meeting

Motion by O'Connell, seconded by Zimmerman. No discussion. Motion approved

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC None

UPDATE FINANCIAL REVIEW 2022 – the report was reviewed

LEARNING TO SOAR

Zimmerman gave an update on the progress with the students, the Bird Game scheduled for 3/21

GLC BIRD WALK tabled to next meeting

GLAS DARK SKIES – the representative from GLAS has not responded to our invitation to collaborate

GRANTS UPDATES

Yager reported that the SE Johnson application (with a few tweaks from committee) is ready to submit. These funds will be used to purchase now signage for the Storybook Trail as well as a new sign for the entrance to Four Seasons Nature Preserve where the Storybook Trail is located.

After discussion, it was decided to apply for a Gage Marine grant for the Bird Watching Kits for the area hotels. This would allow us to submit one application rather than 2 separate to 2 different funders. Rodriguez will develop, and share with committee prior to the 3/31 deadline.

Rodriguez also reported on the Rotary Club's possible interest in an environmental project that might possibly be something at Four Seasons.

SWIFT NIGHT OUT McConnell reported that the Schlitz Audobon program is set, the Museum is booked and she has reached out to the food vendors. The date is September 7, 2023.

PURPLE MARTIN UPDATE – Leonard and Gallo will have the houses ready by mid April. New Volunteers are being solicited.

CALENDAR REVIEW – Zimmerman and McConnell are attending the Bird City Conference on March 24,25 to present our collaborative efforts to support our bird habitats.

Rodriguez discussed with Tree Board Chair some upcoming projects and a possible social event with the Tree Board, Park Board and Avian Committee.

The Fontana Garden Club asked us to present a program for them.

NEXT MEETING April 11 6:00 pm

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Same Items as the 3/14 Agenda

Jill Rodriguez