

City of Lake Geneva - Avian Committee
Minutes
Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 6:00 pm

Call to Order: At 5:58 pm McConnell called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Present: Beverly Leonard, Sarah McConnell, Jill Rodriguez, Karen Gallo, Carol Zimmermann, Alderperson Cindy Yager. Excused: Kelley Happ
As the secretary, Kelley Happ was not in attendance, Zimmermann agreed to take minutes.

Approval of the November 21, 2023, Avian Committee minutes as prepared and distributed:
Zimmerman made a motion to approve with following correction in the discussion of the Wisconsin Bird City application – as noted below. Seconded by Rodriguez. Approved unanimously. “During the December meeting, continued work is needed on the Bird City Application, specifically on the documents and photos appendices.”

Comments from the Public:

Friends of Hillmore, Peg Esposito

Esposito asked that the Avian Committee consider working with the Friends of Hillmore on outdoor experience projects from children. The Friends of Hillmore would also like to partner with groups like the Avian Committee to write grants for such projects and programs.

Contact: website with contacts

friends@friendsof Hillmore.com

Partnerships, funding opportunities, and potential grants

Wisconsin Bird City

Motion by Zimmermann to add continued work on the Wisconsin Bird City application as the first agenda item. Seconded by McConnell and unanimously approved.

Zimmermann defined the needed work, went over the section 1 review she had completed, and passed out outlines for the remainder of the work. Committee members were divided into three teams of two. Each team reviewed assigned categories under the remaining (2 through 6) category.

Teams identified the following work to do done to complete appendices.

In section 4 – Photo section

ADD Learning to Soar students at presentation.

ADD Parade of Trees - NEW PIC Cardinal tree

DELETE Cub Scout Picture

ADD Pic of Butterfly Garden

ADD Picture of the Backpacks

In section 6 – Photo section

ADD New pic 2023 Storybook Trail Launch

DELETE Storybook trail article.

DELETE 2022 young reader at storybook trail.
ADD 2023 leading young readers photo.

In section 4 – Photo section

DELETE 2021 Learning to Soar document proclamation.
REVISE 4A Caption: Learning to Soar Program Overview - DATE CHANGE
REVISE 4A Caption: 2022 Lessons of Unit 1 - Delete YEAR
DELETE 2022 Christmas Bird Count
DELETE 2022 Presentation from Chimney Swift Presentation
ADD pdf document - GLC Bird Walk Presentation
ADD pdf of Bird Hotspot Map

Prior to the next meeting:

Zimmermann will attempt to find and upload the needed photos and documents and make the needed revisions. Zimmermann will notify committee members when changes are complete. Member editing and checking prior to the next meeting would be appreciated. McConnell will work with City Administrator Nord to assure that the city's World Migratory Bird Day resolution is uploaded.

New Business

Request from member of the public to present at Symphony Bay.
Yager will return the email, noting that we will get back to her after our next meeting.

Next meeting and agenda items for the next meeting

Next meeting: January 9, 2024, 6 pm, Conference Room 2A

Agenda for January 9, 2024

Call to Order
Roll Call
Approval of Minutes from December 12, 2023
Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes, limited to items on this agenda.
Final review of the Bird City Applications
Update Financial Review for 2024
2024 Strategic Planning Meeting
Partnerships, funding opportunities, and potential grants
Ways to recognize volunteers.
Reports on events – filed on Google Docs
New Business

Motion to adjourn: Cindy Yager moved, seconded by Jill Rodriguez, passed unanimously.
Chair Sarah McConnell adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm

In the absence of the secretary,
Respectfully submitted,
Carol Zimmermann

