

City of Lake Geneva Avian Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 6:00 P.M.

City Council Conference Room 2A

1. Call to Order: 6:00 PM by Sarah McConnell

2. Roll Call. The following members were present: Carol Zimmermann, Sarah McConnell, Jill Rodriguez, Karen Gallo and Kelley Happ. Alderperson Cindy Yager and Beverly Leonard were excused

3. Approval of Avian Committee meeting minutes from September 2023

Motion to approve minutes was made by Zimmermann, seconded by Rodriguez and passed. (The October meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.)

4. Comments from the Public

There were no members of the public present

5. Bird City Application

This meeting was primarily convened to complete the Bird City Wisconsin application. It is an extensive application, requiring information and updates of all the activities of the committee and how they relate to serving the community. Committee members each took sections to edit and update and McConnell input all the new details into the committee's Google Doc. Zimmermann will add documents and photos from the Docs file in the appropriate places in the application. The city will be asked to pass a resolution about the City of Lake Geneva and Bird City at the first meeting in December. A sample of last year's resolution will be provided. The completed application will be sent to David Nord by early January and he will submit it, along with a check, to Bird City Wisconsin by the due date in January.

6. Strategic Planning Meeting for 2024

7. Partnerships, funding opportunities and potential grants

8. Brief 2023 Project Review

9. Report on events filed in Google Docs

10. Christmas Tree at the Museum

Rodriguez arranged for the Avian Committee to participate in the annual event. The Avian theme this year is cardinals – and McConnell had purchased a number of small cardinal ornaments. Members met at the Museum on November 15 to decorate the tree. It is beautiful and we hope to win the competition.

11. Future agenda items

- 2024 Strategic Planning Meeting
- Update Financial Review for 2024
- Partnerships, funding opportunities and potential grants
- Reports on events filed in Google Docs
- Christmas Tree Event at Geneva Lake Museum

12. Next Meeting:

Next Avian Committee meeting is on Tuesday, December 12 at 6 pm in Conference Room 2 A

13: Adjournment:

Zimmermann moved to adjourn, seconded by Happ and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, 12/6/2023
Kelley Happ