

City of Lake Geneva Avian Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 10th 2024 6:00 P.M.

City Council Conference Room 2A

1. Call to Order: 6:05 PM by Sarah McConnell

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

3. Approval of Avian Committee meeting minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the November 12th meeting was made by Rodriguez, seconded by Ross. The motion passed.

4. Visitors and Comments from the public:

None

5. Bird City Application

McConnell and Ross had to reschedule their meeting until December 18th to work on the project.

6. Proclamation for Bird City Application:

The Proclamation was found by McConnell

7. Budget Update and 2025 Financial Review:

The Budget for Avian committee is in good shape for the upcoming year.

8. Partnerships and Funding Opportunities

Currently there is nothing in the works

9. Birdwatching Backpacks for the City of Lake Geneva

Backpacks need to be reordered, Jill will reorder them herself and purchase them and submit the bill. Jill also has a good source for embroidery for future use. There is a goal of having April 1st for backpacks in place.

10. Climate Change Topics and Updates

Ross has asked Benjamin Zuckerberg from UW-Madison to speak at the world migratory bird day. It will be on May 17th from 10-12 in the Smith Reading Room at the Library. We are going to make this a family event with a kids program 5+ we will have bird houses for them to decorate, cookies, a water dispenser and some other fun things..a nice swag bag!

11. Miscellaneous

The EV chargers are in the works for Lake Geneva

Dark Sky's TBD

12. Next Meeting:

The Next Avian Committee meeting is on **Tuesday, January 14th at 6 pm in Conference Room 2A**

15. Future Agenda Items

☐ Update from City Council

☐ Bird City Application status

☐ Partnerships and Funding Opportunities

☐ Birding Backpacks Project

☐ Climate Change Topics/Updates

World Migratory Bird Day activities

EV Chargers in Lake Geneva

Dark Skies project

☐ Other

☐ Next meeting Date and Time

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16: Adjournment:

Rodriguez moved to adjourn, seconded by Ross and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm

Respectfully submitted, 12/22/2024

Karen Gallo