

AVIAN COMMITTEE
Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 5:30 PM
City Hall, Conference Room 2A

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wall at 5:34 PM.

Roll Call: Present: Maureen Winkler, Mackenzie Bestold, Donald Forbes, Alderman Wall and Administrator Dennis Jordan. Others in attendance: 2 guests.

Approval of Minutes from June 6, 2013 motioned by Ms. Winkler, seconded by Mr. Forbes.

Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes.

None.

Discussion on planning of International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) event.

Lake Geneva's second annual IMBD event will be held on Thursday, August 29 at 6:30 PM at the Lake Geneva Museum. Bob Mueller will be speaking again and will send a list of possible discussion topics in advance of the event to review.

The Riviera chimney will be open within the next few weeks. The Utility Commission chimney has been uncapped. The chimney at St. Francis Catholic Church has been capped due to concerns over bat and bird droppings in the building near the day care facility.

Discussion on bird houses.

Ms. Winkler's husband will attach one of the newly constructed bird houses to the side of the Utility Commission. Alderman Wall will secure materials from Dunn Lumber for the construction of 16 additional houses to be made by students at Badger High School this fall. Marie Collins has confirmed students can help. Swift houses will be made of treated wood.

A guest citizen presented alternative bird house construction plans for Bluebirds in the event a park is built on the former Hillmoor property. Previously the property was the site of many bluebird sightings.

It was also discussed that monitoring of the bird houses could be done from the ground if occupancy of the houses is all that is required to monitor.

Discussion on future agenda and meeting date.

Agenda items:

- IMBD recap
- Follow up on outstanding items for bird houses – construction, location, maintenance (houses will require regular monitoring)
- Birdathon 2014
- Bird City status preparation/discussion

Next meeting: Thursday, July 11 at 5:30 PM.

Adjournment

Winkler/Bestold motion to adjourn at 5:51 PM. Unanimously carried.

Mackenzie Bestold, Secretary 7/29/13