



Avian Committee

Alderman Jeff Wall, Chairman

Maureen Winkler, Secretary

Kate Anderson

Bob Nordhaus

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July 28, 2015 Minutes

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Wall. Time: 5:30pm

2. Roll Call :

Members in attendance:

Chairman Jeff Wall	<u> X </u>	Kate Anderson	<u> X </u>
Secretary Maureen Winkler	<u> X </u>	Bob Nordhaus	<u> Absent </u>

City Administrator Blaine Oborn

Public in attendance: None

3. Approval of minutes from April 30, 2015 meeting as distributed.

Motion to approve by Ms. Anderson. Seconded by _Ms. Winkler. Passed.

4. Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes.

None

Agenda Items:

5. Update on student bat house project

- Student did not make the bat house. As school is no longer in session, we will have to wait until classes begin again to contact teacher and try and recruit another student. Should be placed on next agenda.

Agenda Items:

6. Discussion/Recommendation on Planning Swift Night Out

- Alderman Wall will bring is cake and water, plates and forks.
- Ms. Winkler will let Museum know that the start time is at 6:30pm. (Dusk at 7:59pm) and be sure that the screen and equipment is there for the speaker, Brian Lenz.
- Ms. Winkler spoke to Dennis Jordan about Brian Lenz, the new Director at Bird City to be the speaker. She called and left a message to verify, but he has not returned call yet, probably because of holiday weekend. Karl Schwartz, the previous Bird City rep volunteered to speak if Mr. Lenz not available.
- Ms. Winkler will ask City Clerk to put Swift Night Out, Wednesday, August 12th as part of the City e-alert and on the City Calendar.
- Ms. Winkler will ask the LGCVB to put it on their calendar.

- Ms. Winkler and Ms. Anderson agreed to be Bird City representative liaisons for future questions, though City Administrator Blaine Oborn will be doing the Bird City application.

7. Discussion on Window Clings

- Official Window Alert window clings are costly. A pack of four 4" x 4" clings is \$6.95 and are supposed to be placed every three feet on a window with a replacement every 6-9 months.
- Other Bird Cities put a link on their City website directly to the Window Alert people, so citizens can buy their own.
- Ms. Winkler suggested that the City create its own cling that has the Lake Geneva logo, along with the Bird City logo that could be sold at Swift Night Out. They could also be placed for sale on the counter at City Hall and the Water Utility. City Admin. Blaine Oborn thought he could find \$50 in budget to get some printed. A local printer could print up about 35-40 clings for that price. Design needs to be approved at next meeting so Ms. Winkler can bring to printer and have ready by August 12th.

Motion to have the Clings made at A+ Graphics, not to exceed \$50 and to resell to the public for \$1 to 1.00 - 2.00 each by Ms. Anderson. Seconded by Ald. Wall. Passed.

8. Discussion /Recommendation on Avian Committee Website improvement

- Other Bird Cities put a link on their City website directly to the Window Alert people, so citizens can buy their own.
- Links to Bird City
- Links to Milkweed purchase (Pesche's/Northwinds/Other Parks?)
- Links to Birding Opportunities with local groups (Kishwaukee?)
- Current projects (like Swift Night House/bird house locations/bat house project/
- Picture of bird house
- Map of where houses are located. (Ms. Winkler will talk to Asst. Dir. Of Public Works Tom Earl and get map done)

Motion to improve website by adding current projects/links to Bird City/Map of local birdhouses/Window Alert/Birding Opportunities by Ms. Anderson. Seconded by Ald. Wall. Passed.

9. Discussion on Future Agenda Items

- Final Window Cling Design to be Printed
- Swift Night Out Summary/Future
- Avian Committee Website Improvement
- Bat House Project
- New Project Suggestions
- New Committee Members
- Next meeting set for Tuesday, Oct 6 at 5:30pm

Motion to Approve Future Agenda and Meeting by Ald. Wall. Seconded by Ms. Anderson. Passed

10. Motion to Adjourn: Time: 5:58 pm

Motion to adjourn by Ald. Wall, seconded by Ms. Anderson. Passed.

Maureen Winkler, Secretary _07/28/15