



Avian Committee

Alderman Jeff Wall, Chairman
Maureen Winkler, Secretary Kate Anderson Bob Nordhaus

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October 6, 2015 Minutes

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

2. Roll Call :

Members in attendance:

Chairman Jeff Wall x Kate Anderson x
Secretary Maureen Winkler x Bob Nordhaus absent
City Administrator Blaine Oborn
Public in attendance: Sarah McConnell, Committee Nominee

3. Approval of minutes from July 28, 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. Discussion /Recommendation on Avian Committee Website improvement

Ms. Winkler shared progress on Website. She spoke with City Clerk about including links to Bird City requirements, Bird City website, Decal clings for sale, Swift Night Out, Google Map of current and future bird house locations. Having difficulties getting personal photos on map, though locator pins are fairly straight forward.

Consensus to continue work on the project with discussion at next meeting.

6. Update on student bat house project

Alderman Wall left a message with Marie Collins at Badger to talk to Woodworking Teacher for purposes of recruiting student to build bat or bluebird houses. Ms. Winkler volunteered to contact Home Depot for materials (posts/concrete/plywood). Ms. McConnell suggested local Scout troops or Eagle Scouts might be recruited.

Consensus to continue project with discussion at next meeting.

7. Discussion/Recommendation on Summary Swift Night Out

Alderman Wall felt Bryan Lenz did a nice job with his presentation at Swift night out. Ms. Anderson thought it went well, except for the fact that the Swifts didn't cooperate by showing up. Ms. Winkler noted that she saw a group go into the American Legion chimney a few weeks earlier, as well as a few go into the Museum chimney. She suggested the Committee stake out the various chimneys in town, including the Water Utility chimney, a few nights in advance to verify if and where the swifts are nesting. That way, people can relocate to the nearby chimneys after the presentation, if necessary.

Motion to continue Swift Night Out in 2016 by Ms. Anderson. Seconded by Ald Wall. Passed.

8. Discussion on Window Cling

Lake Geneva Bird City Window Clings were sold at August 2015 Swift Night Out for \$1.00 each. Twenty were sold. Sales are continuing at City Hall and the Water Utility. Notifications have been placed in the City e-Alerts. City Administrator Oborn suggested the Bird City decal photo be placed on the Avian Committee page. Sarah McConnell suggested they could also be sold at the Public Library. Ms. Winkler noted that the decals need to be stored off the counter as they may be mistaken as something to take for free, despite signage. A separate line item in the budget has been set up by the Finance Director for sale of the Clings. Ms. Winkler has been reimbursed her \$50 payment to A+ Graphics for the original 100 clings. Sales need to be encouraged to generate money for future projects.

Consensus to continue sales and discuss ways to sell more decals at next meeting.

9. Discussion on Future Agenda Items and Date For Next Meeting

- Nomination/Election of Ms. Sarah McConnell to the Avian Committee at City Council Meeting Monday, October 12, 2015
- Update on Avian Committee Website
- Update on Google Map Bird Location
- Update on Bat (and possibly Bluebird) House Student Project
- Update on Bird City Decal Sales with suggestions for Sales improvement
- Other New Project Suggestions
- Next meeting set for Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 5:30pm

10. Motion to Adjourn: Time: 5:50 pm

Motion to Adjourn by Ms. Anderson. Seconded by Ms. Winkler. Passed.
Maureen Winkler, Secretary 10/06/15