

AVIAN COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2012 AT 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM 2A

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wall at 6:00 p.m.

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

Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes.

Mary Jo Fesenmaier thinks this committee is awesome. She explained that we were one of the first twelve to receive the Bird City designation in the state two years ago.

Discussion on time, date and planning of International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) and Discussion on Chimney Swifts

Administrator Jordan said he had contacted the museum and discussed whether a Saturday night or weeknight would be better for having a program and being able to still see the Chimney Swifts. After discussion, the committee decided on Thursday, September 20 at the museum at 6:00pm, with a short program on migratory patterns and other information about the Swifts. As sunset approaches, everyone can go outside, sit on chairs they have brought, and watch for the birds to gather.

The committee moved downstairs to view a film on Chimney Swifts.

The committee reconvened and continued discussion of how many swifts there are in this country, specifications and costs of building towers to accommodate the swifts, the Badger High School wood shop's interest in making towers, volunteers, location of the towers and details of the September 20 meeting.

Discussion on future agenda and meeting date

Chairman Wall asked what they might like to have on future agendas. Suggestions included more talk about the towers including funding and locations. He also asked where they want to go with this committee. The committee felt there should be a reassessment on our Bird City status: IMBD is a big step, but there may be more they can do, especially to reach the "high flyer" level. They discussed ways to disperse more information to the public. The next meeting was set for October 11 at 6:00pm.

Adjournment

Winkler/Bestold motion to adjourn. Unanimously carried.

Transcribed from audio tape.

/s/ Artis Roenspies, Deputy City Clerk

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