



AVIAN (BIRD) COMMITTEE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019 – 5:00 PM

CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM 2A

Members: Chairperson Selena Proksa, Beverly Leonard, Sarah McConnell, Jill Rodriguez, Carol Zimmermann, Karen Gallo, Kelley Happ

1. Call to order by Chairman, Selena Proksa
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of minutes from September 09, 2019 meeting as distributed
4. Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), limited to items on this agenda. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes
5. Discussion/Recommendation Thank you to volunteer nest keepers: Nancy Swanson and Nancy Wolff
6. Discussion/Update Thank you lunch for Public Works – 11/29/19
7. Discussion/Update 2019 and 2020 Avian Budget
8. Discussion/Update Bird City Application
 1. Working Group
 2. Activating the Account
 3. Coordinating with Tree Committee
 4. Resolution for World Migratory Bird Day – must be passed by Council (December meeting for vote)
 5. Review with whole Committee – November Committee Meeting
 6. Get on Administrator's, David Nord, calendar for processes, payment, resolution, uploading
9. Discussion/Recommendation Work projects for Purple Martin Colony (cleaning, gourds, replacement cables, etc.)
10. Discussion/Recommendation 2020 Swift Night Out
11. Discussion/Update Final report for Tourism Grant match complete – Turned in receipts for \$2215.47
12. Discussion/Update Cookies for a Cause check lost and being reissued. Check was approximately \$400
13. Discussion/Update Avian Christmas Tree – Geneva Lake Museum Parade of Trees
 1. Jill Rodriguez purchasing tree
 2. Please buy/donate inexpensive bird ornaments if you see them

3. Kids at library are decorating birdhouses for Avian tree from leftover Swift Night Out houses
4. Volunteers for Avian tree decorating morning of 11/20/19 at Geneva Lake Museum

14. Discussion/Recommendation Lake Geneva bird-friendly sustainable landscaping

15. Future Agenda Items

16. Next Meeting: Monday, November 25, 2019 @ 5:00 PM

17. Adjourn

*This is a meeting of the Avian Committee.
No official Council action will be taken; however, a quorum of the Council may be present.*

cc: Aldermen, Mayor, Administrator, Media

Minutes - AVIAN (BIRD) COMMITTEE

Minutes from

Monday, September 9, 2019 - 4:30 PM

City Hall , Conference Room 2A

Members: Chairperson Selena Proksa, Beverly Leonard, Sarah McConnell, Jill Rodriguez, Carol Zimmerman, Karen Gallo

1. Call to order by Chairman, Selena Proksa at 4:30 pm
2. Roll Call – Present Proksa, Leonard, McConnell, Rodriguez, Happ, and Zimmermann; Excused: Gallo
3. Approval of minutes from July 22, 2019 meeting as distributed – with note that Zimmermann is still spelled incorrectly (2 n’s at the end of Zimmermann – agendas, website, etc.). Moved by Zimmermann, second by Leonard. Passed: Yes – 6, No – 0, Abstain – 0
4. Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), limited to items on this agenda. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes - no members of the public were present.
5. Discussion/Recommendation Budget
 - Special Finance Meeting on 09/26/19 budget presentation
Note that budget is due to Karen Hall, Comptroller and Finance Director by Friday, September 13. Rodriguez will draft from this meeting and circulate for any editing or corrections to Committee members prior to that date and then submit for the Committee. Zimmermann will work on a budget narrative
 - Budget Update current and outstanding debits against budget
The estimate for spending this year (invoices not yet submitted/processed and planned expenses) will be close to the budget allocation (probably a bit more than \$4,900 of the \$5,000 allocated).
 - Alliant Energy Grant
This grant funded roughly \$1,572 for Alliant Energy Bird Watching Kits – housed at the Lake Geneva Public Library
 - Tourism Grant Match
The spending to date for items outlined in the tourism grant is now at roughly \$2,000. Since this is a dollar for dollar match – up to \$1,500, the match this Committee can request from the Tourism Commission is roughly \$1,000.
 - Budget items and requests for 2020
 - Discussion of the 2020 budget request
 - Continuing requests for Purple Martin Colony maintenance and nest-keeper supplies, signage, the Bird City Application. Modified requests for programs – including a wide partnership program for Bird Friendly yards, an expanded World Migratory Bird Day Celebration couple with our Elementary Education Program, paper and electronic publicity, and the replication/expansion of Swift Night Out. The request will be approximately the same as last year (\$4,950). See notes on the request and narrative (above).
6. Upcoming events and the next meeting

- Sept. 9 – Common Council recognition of Alliant Energy and Lake Geneva Public Library (6 pm)
Sept. 12 – Swift Night Out (members to arrive around 5:00 pm to assist with set-up)
Sept. 13 – Line item budget due to Comptroller
Sept. 26 – 4:30 pm Budget hearing and budget narrative due
Oct. 22 – noon – thank you to Street Department (at Public Works - 1065 Carey Street)

Next Meeting, Monday, October 21 – 5 pm

Agenda Items

- Thank you to volunteer nest-keepers, Nancy Swanson and Nancy Wolff
- Budget review 2019 and 2020
- Bird City Application – including Resolution for World Migratory Bird Day – must be passed by Council
- Work projects for Purple Martin Colony (cleaning, etc.), gourds, replacement cables
- Thoughts on planning projects for 2020 – Put planning on November agenda

7. Adjourn

Zimmermann moved to adjourn, seconded by Leonard. Passed: Yes – 6, No – 0, Abstain-0
Adjourned 5:20 pm



Native Plantings

Benefits of Native Plantings

Increased food and habitat for insects and birds (per Swift night out)

The right plantings around tree bases improves the health of our trees

Colorful, beautiful landscapes improves our quality of life





Experts in our area

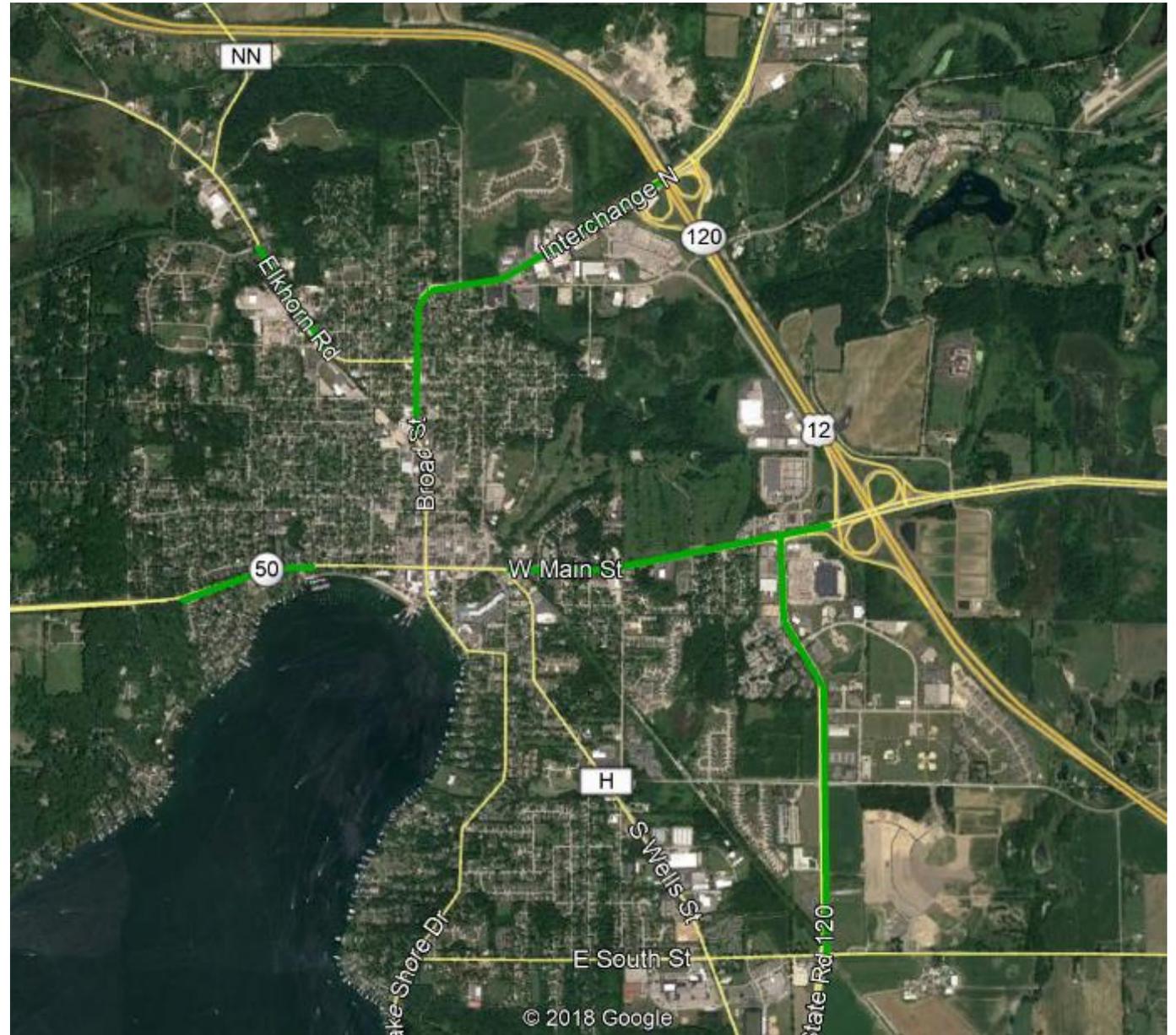
Northwinds Perennial Farm





Native Gardens in our City

Gateways into the Community



Promote Residential Plantings



Additional Locations in the City

Museum



Beautification Committee





Thoughts?

Is this worth pursuing further?