

**AVIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017 – 4:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, MEETING ROOM 2A**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Horne at 4:32 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Chairman Horne, Beverly Leonard, Sarah McConnell, Nikki Scott. Absent: Bob Nordhaus. Also Present: City Administrator Oborn, DPW Superintendent Neil Waswo, Alderman Gelting. Public Present: Harvey Larson and Lois from the Lakeland Audubon Society, Helen Pugh.

Approval of minutes from January 9, 2017 as prepared and distributed
McConnell/Leonard motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes. None.

Discussion/Presentation by Helen Pugh on Purple Martins and other Bird City communities
Ms. Pugh gave a presentation on purple martins and how to have a purple martin house be successful and thrive.

Nikki Scott left at 5:19 p.m.

Discussion/Recommendation/Action on Purple Martin Bird Housing
Mr. Horne worries the problem is going to be the monitoring, not the purchasing of the homes. It was suggested to reach out to the High School or perhaps 4H or FFA clubs. Mr. Horne suggested the boy or girl scouts. The committee liked the idea of assigning 2 people per house. Mr. Waswo noted there are 6 purple martin homes the City monitors. Leonard/McConnell motion to proceed with the grant for the purple martin project. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Recommendation on the International Migratory Bird Day Resolution
Mr. Oborn showed the committee the annual resolution. It is normally done in March or April. McConnell/Leonard motion to approve the International Migratory Bird Day Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the 6th Annual Swift Night Out to be held September 14th, 2017 at the Geneva Lake Museum
Ms. McConnell stated she has been emailing with a potential presenter. The person he has been in contact with does not think they will be able to make it but will assist in helping to find a speaker. Ms. McConnell will proceed with finding a speaker.

Discussion/Recommendation/Action on Avian Committee Website Improvements
Ms. McConnell suggested putting together an informational brochure that can be included with the tax bill or put on the website. Ms. Leonard feels a brochure would be more effective than updating the website. Mr. Oborn said he would get feedback from staff on including another brochure.

Discussion/Recommendation of future agenda items
The committee will discuss the purple martin project and the Swift Night Out.

Discussion/Recommendation on next meeting date and recommended City Council meeting schedule
The committee will meet on May 22nd at 5:00pm.

Adjournment.
McConnell/Horne motion to adjourn at 5:37pm. Motion carried unanimously.

/s/ Stephanie Gunderson, Assistant City Clerk

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