

Naturalist Report

July 2023

Admin/Finance

- The City Strategic Planning process has continued over the past several weeks. Department heads have been meeting weekly to work on establishing goals, tactics and key performance indicators to create a completed strategic plan.
- Our Summer Intern, Liliana's last day will be on Wednesday, August 30. She has done a great job working with field trip groups, running the 1000 Little Wonders programs and helping with various tasks around the Nature Center and Conservancy Zone.

Education

- I have continued to work with Lilly Roehrig on adjustments to the Grover the Goat book. It should be ready to go to the printer within a week or so. The book will debut in September as our Storybook Walk book title and will be available for sale when the goats are on-site
- City Communications Coordinator Simonson and I have been working with Guide Studio on a logo for the Focus on the Fox event. A completed logo should be ready by the end of the month so it can be used for this year's event.
- I met with the Administrative Assistant from the Fox River Navigational System Authority regarding participation in the Focus on the Fox event. They are very interested in participating. They will at least set up an informational table. There is interest in shuttling visitors through one of the locks, but it may not be possible to arrange this year.

Building & Grounds

- The estimate came back for replacing the boardwalk. The budget proposal from Milbach Construction Services, not Milton Construction as previously reported, came in at \$367,000. The work is suggested to take place over the span of 3 years between October and January. It is suggested to include a 10% contingency to cover the potential increase in material costs throughout the project timeframe. I will work with City Engineer Neumeier to look for additional grants to cover the cost of the project.