**Kirtland Bird Club of North East Ohio Speaker Meeting Minutes**

**September 6,2026**

1. **Welcome**: The meeting was started at 7 PM at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes by President Sean McCleery. There were 45 people present. Zoom failed due to technical issues.
2. **Announcements**:
    a. Sean reviewed the club's history, and mission statement for the group. The club currently has 211 members. He urged either joining or renewing membership.
    b. Christi Carlson, who has been with the group for many years, and in past served as vice president, will be moving to Idaho.
    c. Dr. Ethan Gyllenhaal has been named Curator of Ornithology at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.
3. **Future KBC Events:**
    a. Saturday 9/5/26 5 PM- 6 PM Bird walk at Forest Hills Park.
    b. Friday 9/11/26 4 PM to Saturday 9/12/26 4 PM Chagrin River Bird Quest team (sponsored by Audubon of Greater Cleveland). Jon O'Brien will get pictures onto KBC's social media.
    c. Saturday 10/10/22 at 9 AM there will be a New Birder Walk at Forest Hills Park.
4. **Other events:**
    a. 10/3/16 Bird Bingo at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes with Julie West and Patty.

**5. Speaker Program:** Jim Tomko gave the presentation: "Exploring the Chagrin River Corridor IBA." He has a Bachelor's degree in Zoology. He earned a Master's degree in Environmental Biology and a Doctorate in Optometry from The Ohio State University. Currently, he serves as the president of the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland and as president of the Moebius Nature Center in Aurora Ohio.

6. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**. A motion to approve the May 2026 meeting minutes was made by Anna Kozlenko, and was seconded by Paula Lozano. There were not objections, and the motion passed.

7. **The next meting** will be 10/7/26 , at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes and on zoom, at 7 PM.

8 **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM