

W. SENECA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Burchfield Nature & Art Center – 2001 Union Rd., West Seneca

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:04 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

Members: Evelyn Hicks (EH), Chair, Rick Rutkowski (RR), Vice-Chair, Karl Spencer (KS), Camie Jarrell (CJ), Lauren Masset (LM), Mike Wass (MW), Matthew Roche (MR)

Absent/Excused: Dave Monopolopolus (DM), Jim Caruso (JC)

Associate Members: Richard Corbetta (RC), Emily Baker (EB), Matt Poole (MP)

Guests: Mitchell Smith, Cath Capriotto, Kelly Lenaisch, Greg Zielinski, Breanna Bruckman, Brian Bruckman

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

1. Meeting Minutes – May, June, July, Aug, Sept., Oct. 2016 – no action – RR will send draft minutes to members for review
2. 2016 Budget –WSEC budget balance - \$259.17
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation - \$2,710.96
US Fish & Wildlife Service - \$29,000
3. Correspondence – MW received/provided Eagle Marsh Wetland Preserve Brochure
4. Office – status quo
5. 2015 Annual Report – no action
6. 2017 Meeting Dates - discussion ensued, meeting dates approved – finalized meeting/activity dates to be provided to Town Clerk by LM
7. Expiring WSEC memberships, reappointments to WSEC – Town Board will address this issue at the Jan. 2017 Reorganization Meeting

IV. WSEC PROJECTS - UPDATES/DISCUSSION

1. Oxbow (2805 Clinton St.) – EH advised that 16 “surplus” trees from Town road projects were planted on site
2. 2735 Clinton St. – offer made to owners re: purchase of a portion of the property, no response received.
3. Subcommittee reports
 - Tree Issues Subcommittee – KS will attend 12/8 Planning Board meeting – Also, 14 “surplus” trees from Town road projects were planted at the Burchfield Nature & Art Center
 - Creek Awareness Subcommittee – KS attempted contact with W. Sen. W. Middle school staff re: presentation to students, is awaiting response (EH to follow up)
 - Water Quality Issues Subcommittee:
 - Canoe/Kayak launch site (880 Harlem Rd.) – RR took photos, e-mailed same to members, initiated draft press release re: project
 - Storm drain marking program –100 storm drain medallions rec'd from vendor - activities suspended until 2017

- Rain Barrel distribution program - activities suspended until 2017
- Municipal Rain Barrels – activities suspended until 2017

V. OTHER PROJECTS

1. Meyer Rd. Wetlands – EH advises that National Grid will provide funding and plan designs for a viewing platform at site
2. 3099 Clinton St – EH advised Town Board of opportunity to purchase, will notify Town Board of possibility of funds available from US Fish & Wildlife Service
3. KS offers the possibility of “rails to trails”, walking trails, flower plantings at Town Hall as future projects

VI. ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC - None

Adjourned: 8:20 p.m.

Next meeting – Jan 24, 2017