

## West Seneca Environmental Commission

### Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Meeting Minutes (Draft)

#### Burchfield Nature and Art Center (BNAC), 2001 Union Road, West Seneca

- I. EH called meeting to order at 7:07 pm.
- II. ATTENDANCE

Present: Evelyn Hicks (EH), *Chair*, Rick Rutkowski (RR), *Vice-Chair*, Joyce Mallette (JM), *Treasurer*, George Rockey (GR), Dave Monopolous (DM), Gary Oosterhoudt (GO), Jack Oshei (JO)

Guest(s): Steve Kondrak, Linda Emmi

Absent: Sheila Meegan, *Town Council Liaison*, Paula Olma (PO) (excused)

### III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

1. Meeting Minutes
  1. Motion by GO, seconded by GR, to approve March 2012 Meeting Minutes. Adopted 6-0.
  2. RR has not submitted November 2011 Meeting Minutes.
  3. RR stated that all Meeting Minutes have been put online (on West Seneca Town Web Site).
2. Financial/Treasurer's Report
  1. (i) EH requested Treasurer's Report;  
(ii) JM reported a balance of \$463.05, submitting General Ledger Report to EH and copies to Commission members.
  2. EH mentioned a discussion with Town Clerk regarding new Web Site for minutes.
  3. JM further mentioned (i) a prospective member, (ii) inability to arrange for new poster display at the West Seneca Town Library due to Librarian's absence.
3. Correspondence
  1. JM reported no correspondence.
4. Office
  1. EH opened discussion, JM volunteered to go through boxed materials.
5. Membership/Associate members
  1. JM telephoned PO regarding membership.
  2. EH explained Sheila Meegan's absence.

### IV. WSEC PROJECTS – UPDATES/DISCUSSION

1. Serafini (2735 Clinton St.) parcel
  1. EH stated that US Fish and Wildlife has received grant money.
2. Oxbow (2805 Clinton St.) parcel
  1. EH telephoned Dept. of Environmental Conservation regarding Beaver, explaining Bill Schwartz is supposed to conduct trapping and that the Commission received permit.
  2. EH answered questions from members.
  3. EH and DM mentioned ATV activity.
  4. RR suggested discussion regarding trespassing signs.
  5. EH further reported that ATVs maneuver around berm and answered questions from JO and GR regarding the Commission's authority to install signs and beaver habitats.
  6. EH further reported that Dept. of Environmental Conservation required permits to do work beyond maintenance on site and mentioned that she would find out status of permits for beavers.
3. Boat/canoe/kayak launch site(s)
  1. GR stated he was making a proposal regarding boat launch sites and planned a completion date for May 2012.
  2. GR further explained that Dept. of Environmental Conservation dismissed possibility of boat launch site on Harlem Road.
  3. RR asked GR what projected costs were involved in his proposal.
  4. EH, RR contributed to discussion regarding the Harlem Road boat launch site.
4. Leydecker Rd. Creek access site
  1. GO stated that access site was still accessible.
  2. DM stated that public complaints of TV and debris were inaccurate based on his evaluation.
5. Earth Day cleanup
  1. EH stated that cleanups were successful, mentioning DM's donation of pizza and pop for volunteer pickup.
6. (Discussed earlier in meeting)
7. Ash Tree Protection
  1. EH announced that Reinstein Woods meeting to be held on May 21.

#### V. TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – ISSUES/STATUS

1. 1200 East & West Rd.
  1. Regarding veterans work on property, EH stated there were no developments.
  2. (i) GR announced moratorium on property transferral, (ii) EH stated that

surveys need to be re-conducted. Discussion regarding property condition.

2. 800 Union Rd.

1. Discussion regarding May 21, 2012 Town Council meeting.

VI. FUTURE PROJECTS

1. National Fish and Wildlife Federation Grant

1. EH stated that (i) a Quality Assurance Report and (ii) a federal report regarding habitat identification were filed.

2. EH proposing drafting a list of equipment for Commission.

2. Prescription Drug Drop-off Day – April 28

1. Hours from 10 am-2 pm were announced.

VII. OTHER

1. Motion by EH, seconded by GO, to Adjourn. Adopted 6-0.

2. The Commission adjourned at 8:15 pm until May 29, 2012 at 7 pm.