

WEST SENECA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 7:00 PM
Burchfield Nature & Art Center – 2001 Union Rd., West Seneca

I. CALL TO ORDER @ 7:02PM

II. ATTENDANCE

Present: Evelyn Hicks (EH), Chair, Rick Rutkowski (RR), Vice-Chair, Joyce Mallette (JM), Karl Spencer (KS), Dave Monopolus (DM), Steve Kondrak (SK), Jack Oshei (JO), Lauren Masset (LM)

Associate Member: Mike Wass (MW)

West Seneca Town Board: Councilman William Hanley (EH), Councilman Gene Hart (GH)

Guests: Mallory Zastrow, Cody Baun, Ron Mayer and Patricia Planter

Absent: Jim Caruso (JC)

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

1. Meeting Minutes – March 2015

RR motion to accept seconded by KS

AYES: ALL

QUESTION: NONE

NOES: NONE

Motion Carried

2. 2014 Annual Report

KS motions to accept the report as a record of 2014 activities pending any changes reported within one week seconded by DM

AYES: ALL

QUESTION: NONE

NOES: NONE

Motion Carried

3. 2015 Budget - \$1,500.00

4. Correspondence

5. Office

EH reports that a bookcase has been installed in the office.

IV. WSEC MEMBER PROJECTS - UPDATES/DISCUSSION

1. Oxbow (2805 Clinton St.)

LM reports that there are two work dates scheduled in May:

- May 9 - Buffalo Niagara River Keeper River Academy
- May 16 - Canisius College

The plan for both days is to remove invasive species and plant native species.

2. 2735 Clinton St. *Status Quo*

EH reached out to National Fish & Wildlife Foundation for additional funding - none is currently available.

3. Subcommittee reports:

- Tree Issues Subcommittee

After discussion: KS reports a copy of the proposed new ordinance was sent to the Town of West Seneca Planning Board. Also, at the last Tree Issues Subcommittee meeting (4/16) the information for the PowerPoint Presentation was gathered but not finalized.

The current time table is:

May 11, 2015 - Town Board Work Session Presentation

June 1, 2015 - Public Hearing (Published on May 14 & 21)

- Creek Awareness Subcommittee

KS reports the group is open to present to other groups if there is a request.

- Water Quality Issues Subcommittee:

- o Rain Barrels

DM reports 13 barrels are currently being stored inside the Oxbow Wetland Shed.

- o Municipal Rain Barrels

SK reports that the rain barrel at the Kiwanis Youth Center was installed for the season. The rain barrel at Children's Memorial Park will be set up by Ken Hansen.

- o Storm Drain Medallions - *Status Quo*

- o Water Quality Issues Slide Show - *Status Quo*

- o Illicit Discharges (Cazenovia Creek) – *Status Quo*

- o Canoe/Kayak launch site – *Status Quo*

4. Library Display (July 2015)

JM reports the WSEC needs to decide a program to present for the Library program.

5. Rails to Trails - *Status Quo*

6. Earth Day Clean Up

EH reports Saturday April 25, 2015 at Burchfield Nature and Art Center (Buffalo Creek) there was 40 volunteers. RR reports that work was performed by 8 volunteers at Ridge Rd.

7. Speaker's Bureau

A date will be scheduled in July for a presentation at the West Seneca Library.

V. NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

3601 Seneca Street - Edukids

VI. Other Projects

1. **W. Seneca Developmental Center - (1200 East & West Rd.) - Status Quo**

2. **National Grid – Gardenville Station Upgrade -**

Letter received from National Grid requesting Town of WS comments on proposed mitigation plan. EH to continue dialogue with National Grid re: Mitigation plan.

3. **Harlem Rd. Bridge Reconstruction (bank stabilization) – Status Quo**

VII. ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC - None

RR motion call to close at 8:40 PM seconded by DM

AYES: ALL

QUESTION: NONE

NOES: NONE

Motion Carried