

WEST SENECA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

BNAC – 2001 Union Rd., West Seneca

I. CALL TO ORDER @ 7:08 PM

II. ATTENDANCE

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

Associate Member: Mike Wass (MW)

West Seneca Town Board Liaison: Councilman Eugene Hanley & William Hanley

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

1. Meeting Minutes – April 2015

Motion by RR seconded by DM to table April 2015 meeting minutes

AYES: ALL

QUESTION: NONE

NOES: NONE

Motion Carried

2. 2014 Annual Report

DM motions seconded by JC to accept the report and send to Town Board

AYES: ALL

QUESTION: NONE

NOES: NONE

Motion Carried

3. 2015 Budget

RR requests to purchase rain barrell supplies, cost not to exceed \$100.00

4. Correspondence

EH received a letter from National Grid requesting input for the potential mitigation plan.

5. Office

IV. WSEC MEMBER PROJECTS - UPDATES/DISCUSSION

1. Oxbow (2805 Clinton St.)

LM reports Canisius High School visited the site on 5/16/15. The group planted 20 trees and removed invasive species.

EH reports Buffalo River Academy visited the site on 5/9/15 and planted trees.

2. 2735 Clinton St.

JM Motion seconded by KS to agree in principal for the acquisition of property by TWS for the development of a nature park at 2735 Clinton Street.

AYES: ALL

QUESTION: NONE

NOES: NONE

Motion Carried

3. Subcommittee reports:

- Tree Issues Subcommittee

Meet on 5/26 to finalize Tree Ordinance presentation to Town Board (scheduled for June 1).

- Creek Awareness Subcommittee – discussion re: opportunity to present the “Creek Awareness” .ppt during July at the library

- Water Quality Issues Subcommittee:

- Rain Barrels – 5/6 - field work attended by DM, JC, MW, RR – holes drilled in 13 barrels – (no hardware available for completion) – RR to purchase hardware.

- Municipal Rain Barrels

- Storm Drain Medallions

- Water Quality Issues slideshow - JC reports he will create a presentation for ways to conserve water.

- Illicit Discharges (Cazenovia Creek) – RR spoke with Gary Paluca (Director – Erie county Public Health Lab) re cost differential for analysis of fecal coliform bacteria and e- coli bacteria (none – each cost is \$16.07 per sample) – he will discuss 2nd round of sampling at Hi View Terrace with Rob Locey (NYSDEC engineer)

- Canoe/Kayak launch site – RR spoke with Sanjay Singh (NYSDOT Project Engineer – Harlem Rd. bridge replacement), who sent conceptual drawing identifying location of launch site – RR provided drawing to WSEC members, asked for comments

4. Library Display (July 2015)

WSEC to present at the West Seneca Library Speakers Club Tuesday July 21 at 6:30 PM.

JM gathering materials.

5. Rails to Trails

EH to draft a letter and distribute to the group for comment.

6. Speaker’s Bureau

Gathering presentations

V. NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS?

VI. Other Projects

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

EH spoke with Jeff Nyitrai the property transfer is complete. EH to follow up.

2. National Grid – Gardenville Station Upgrade

3. Harlem Rd. Bridge Reconstruction (bank stabilization)

4. WS Community Gardens

After discussion the group will look into acquiring a garden

VII. ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

The next meeting will be held at The Southtowns Sewage Plant (3690 Lakeshore Rd.). A tour of the plant will take place at 6:00 PM and the meeting will take place at 7:00 PM.

JO Motion to close at 8:20 seconded by RR

AYES: ALL

QUESTION: NONE

NOES: NONE

Motion Carried