

WEST SENECA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 7:00 PM

West Seneca Senior Center - 4620 Seneca St., West Seneca

I. CALL TO ORDER/Pledge of Allegiance @ 7:00 PM

II. ATTENDANCE

Members: Evelyn Hicks (EH), Chair, Lauren Masset (LM), Mike Wass (MW), Camie Jarrell (CJ)

Associate Members: Matt Poole (MP), Emily Baker (EB), Amy Kobler (AK)

West Seneca Town Board Liaison: Eugene Hart (GH), William Hanley (WH)

Absent: Karl Spencer (KS); Matthew Roche (MR)

Excused: Rick Rutkowski (RR), Vice-Chair, Dave Monopolus (DM), Jim Caruso (JC),

Guest: Vince Croglio (VC)

III. ADMINISTRATIVE

1. **Office** – STATUS QUO, EH to check on Metz House availability
2. **2015, 2016 Annual Reports** – STATUS QUO
3. **Budget** - STATUS QUO
4. **Meeting Minutes, March 2017**

LM motion to approve March 2017 MM, EH seconded

AYES: ALL

QUESTION: NONE

NOS: NONE

Motion Carried

IV. WSEC PROJECTS - UPDATES/DISCUSSION

1. **Oxbow (2805 Clinton St.)** – STATUS QUO
2. **2735 Clinton St.** – No report. EH asked Councilman Hanley as to the status of the potential purchase of the Western Arm of the Oxbow parcel. WH to follow up with this at the next meeting.
3. **Subcommittee reports:**
 - Tree Issues Subcommittee
 - o WSEC received Tree Survey and Landscape Plan (the Plan) for the Croglio Subdivision project. EH explained this matter was sent to us by the WS Planning Board for review in order to ensure that it complies with the WS Tree Ordinance.

EH provided documentation and maps to Env. Comm attendees and reviewed the Tree Survey/Landscape Plan with the Env. Commission group, noting that the Croglio group worked closely with Town Officials to ensure that the Plan met Town Code

requirements and standards. If approved, the WS Code Enforcement Office will issue Tree Removal Permit.

Pursuant to the Plan, Croglia agrees to plant the trees in the Town right-of-way, or elsewhere in the subdivision depending on the lot size and configuration. 112 trees are planned to be planted, and the Trees are on the Town of West Seneca approved tree species list. Reference the Tree/Landscape Plans for more details.

Some discussion ensued. A concern was raised that the trees will be planted in a manner that would prevent them from becoming root bound over time. There is an expectation that the developer will use best management practices in the planting of the trees to ensure survival.

Motion to accept the Tree Survey and Landscape Plan and send to Planning Board by CJ, seconded by MW

AYES: ALL

QUESTION: NONE

NOS: NONE

Motion Carried

- Creek Awareness Subcommittee –
 - WS Middle Principal Kane advised that there is no time/space for program this year. EH to contact WS Middle about an evening presentation for students and parents.
- By-Laws Subcommittee - STATUS QUO
- Water Quality Issues (WQI) Subcommittee – WQI 2016 Table of Accomplishments to be sent to the Town Board with the request that the information be incorporated into West Seneca's 2016 Stormwater MS4 Annual Report. Also, EH reports DM has 5 barrels for rain barrel project.

V. 2017 MEMBER PROJECTS

1. Student Recycling after Sporting Events – STATUS QUO
2. Prescription Drug Drop Off – Next Event Saturday 4/29/2017 at West Seneca Senior Center, AK advertised at Town Hall. The possibility of a drop box at Town Hall will be readdressed in Fall 2017.
3. Public Outreach & Education re: Household Recycling – AK to put a flyer on the bulletin board and website re: Household Recycling.
4. Earth Day activities – (April 22, 10 a.m. – noon):
 - Cazenovia Creek site (Ridge Rd. & Orchard Park Rd.) – CJ - 38 of members/ other volunteers
 - Buffalo Creek site (Burchfield Nature & Art Center) – Coordinated with BNAC and Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper - LM, EB, EH, GH and - 2 of YES members, 64 volunteers
 - Lions Club Harlem Road Clean Up - EH Thanks the WS Lions for their service.

VI. OTHER PROJECTS

1. Croglia Subdivision - See Above
2. Oakgrove Construction - Meeting to be held at WS Senior Center regarding the Oakgrove Project on May 4, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Oakgrove to address residents' concerns. Members should send EH their comments, questions and concerns to put into a letter of concern.
3. 4972/4982 Seneca St. – Planning Board turned down this project. Remove from agenda

4. Meyer Rd Wetland/National Grid Upgrade –Final contracts have been sent to National Grid. National Grid to present check to Town at TB work session or other designated time.
5. New Development Project, 162 Slade Ave. - Mixed Use Building & Parking Lot 1.5 acres. EH will provide the plans to CJ to review.

VII. ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

1. SUNY Buffalo/NYSERDA program to assist local governments in Erie and Niagara Counties that are interested in reducing energy costs for municipalities and their residents. Called the Clean Energy Communities program, you can find more information on the program here:
<https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/CEC>
This program is viewed as a natural extension of One Region Forward as it promotes sustainable projects and policies around clean energy, has funding to help communities, and involves technical assistance through our office at UBRI. The director, Bart Roberts, has tried to connect with the Town, but hasn't had any luck. Is interested in setting-up a meeting with Town officials so they can introduce the program and discuss how they can be of assistance to the Town.
2. Report from Hicks/Jarrell/Monopolopolus on the Great Lakes IJC meeting on March 28, 2017.
3. Deer Control - West Seneca Town Board asked WSEC to review the deer population situation in the Town. Issue discussed at length. Members to provide possible remedies at next meeting.

LM motion to close the meeting at 9:05 PM, seconded by MP

AYES: ALL

QUESTION: NONE

NOS: NONE

Motion Carried

Next meeting – May 23, 2017 West Seneca Sr. Center (unless Metz House is ready)

W. Sen. Env. Comm Agenda - April 2017