

## W. SENECA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM

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

### I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:05 P.M.

### II. ATTENDANCE

Rick Rutkowski (RR) Vice-Chair, Jim Caruso (JC), Lauren Masset (LM), Karl Spencer (KS), Matthew Roche (MR)

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

Absent/Excused: Evelyn Hicks (EH), Camie Jarrell (CJ), Dave Monopolopolus (DM), Mike Wass (MW)

Guests: Nadine Biasillo, Zach Biasillo, Ryan Strachan

West Seneca Town Board members: Gene Hart (GH), Bill Hanley (BH)

### III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

1. Meeting Minutes – Feb. 2017 – approved by members
2. 2017 WSEC Budget – \$1500.00 - RR requested allocation of \$100.00 to purchase supplies/equipment (i.e. adhesive, silicone sealant, hose bibs, lock nuts) for storm drain medallion and rain barrel programs - motion to do so approved by members (RR to purchase)  
Town Environmental funds:
  - National Fish and Wildlife Federation - \$2,710.96
  - US Fish & Wildlife Service - \$29,000.00
3. Correspondence - none
4. Office – status quo
5. 2015, 2016 Annual Reports – status quo (Annual Reports are due to Town Board by April 1) -RR advises that Water Quality Issues subcommittee report for 2016 is complete – he will send Annual Report template to members for their input/completion

### IV. WSEC PROJECTS - UPDATES/DISCUSSION

1. Oxbow (2805 Clinton St.) – status quo
2. 2735 Clinton St. –status quo
3. Standing Subcommittee reports:
  - Tree Issues Subcommittee – no report (KS monitoring Planning Board meetings for compliance with Tree Ordinance)
  - Creek Awareness Subcommittee – EH spoke to David Keane (Principal - West Seneca West Middle School) re: Creek Awareness and Safety Presentation – he advised that scheduling issues do not allow for a presentation this Spring - EH explained that this is important information, and suggested that perhaps the teachers can do the presentation during class time – she is waiting for a response from the Principal.
  - Water Quality Issues Subcommittee – RR advises that meeting was conducted 3/7 to ID plans, activities for 2017 - Also, suggests that the (completed) WQI 2016 Table of Accomplishments be sent to the Town Board with the request that the information be incorporated into West Seneca's 2016 Stormwater MS4 Annual Report – motion to do so approved by members (RR to send)
  - Bylaws Subcommittee - JC advises that 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting was conducted on 3/7/17 – 1<sup>st</sup> revision (draft) bylaws were reviewed, and 2<sup>nd</sup> revision (draft) bylaws were prepared & sent to subcommittee members

V. 2017 MEMBER PROJECTS

1. Student Recycling after Sporting Events – status quo
2. Prescription Drug Drop Off – AK advised that she spoke with the Police Chief re: initiating the program – she provided application for same to Town Board members, and WSEC members requested that the Town Board discuss implementation of the program.
3. Public Outreach & Education re: Household Recycling – no report
4. Earth Day activities – Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper (BNR) to conduct their Spring Shoreline Sweep (April 22, 10 a.m. – noon) – CJ is willing to volunteer to be a site captain at the Cazenovia Creek site (Ridge Rd. & Orchard Park Rd.) – LM, EB are volunteering for cleanup efforts at the Buffalo Creek site (Burchfield Nature & Art Center) – they will bring a group of volunteers from the Youth Engaged in Services program - RR advises that the registration form for volunteers can be found on the BNR website: <http://bnriverkeeper.org/cleanup/>

VI. OTHER PROJECTS

1. Croglia Subdivision - EH sent letter (with WSEC comments) to Town Planning Board – BH advised that the Planning Board approved the project, and the Croglia representative asked for a definition of “buffer” (related to this project) – this request was sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the request was tabled.
2. Oakgrove Construction - EH sent letter (with WSEC comments) to Town Planning Board - BH advised that the applicant has withdrawn their initial application until they can meet with residents to address their concerns. The developer has since called the Town attorney stated that they will be returning at a later date for full approval. - KS received an e-mail from a Town resident, and responded to the resident’s satisfaction
3. 4972/4982 Seneca St. – RR advises that site plans not yet received by Town
4. Meyer Rd. Wetland/National Grid Upgrade – GH advises that the Town Board has approved 2 resolutions:
  - Construction of a bird sanctuary/overlook (by National Grid) at the site.
  - Funding amount (\$61,000) to be provided to W. Seneca for use by the WSEC (restrictions apply).

VII. ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC – none

Adjourned – 7:45 p.m.

Next meeting – April 25, 2017