

## W. SENECA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM

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

### I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 P.M.

### II. ATTENDANCE

Evelyn Hicks (EH), Chair, Rick Rutkowski (RR), Vice-Chair, Dave Monopolopolus (DM), Jim Caruso (JC), Lauren Masset (LM), Mike Wass (MW), Karl Spencer (KS)  
Associate Members: Emily Baker (EB), Matt Poole (MP), Amy Kobler (AK)

Absent/Excused: Camie Jarrell (CJ), Matthew Roche

Guest: Emma Valenti

West Seneca Town Board member: Gene Hart (GH)

### III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

1. Meeting Minutes – Jan. 2017 – approved by members
2. 2017 WSEC Budget – \$1500.00  
Town Environmental funds:
  - National Fish and Wildlife Federation - \$2,710.96
  - US Fish & Wildlife Service - \$29,000.00
3. Correspondence - none
4. Office – remains closed due to Burchfield Nature & Art Center building closure - office will be moved to the Christian Metz House when renovations are complete.
5. 2015, 2016 Annual Reports – RR reports 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.) – no report
2. 2735 Clinton St. – no report – (W. Seneca Town Attorney to handle further action on this matter)
3. Standing Subcommittee reports:
  - Tree Issues Subcommittee – no report
  - 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 – no report
  - Bylaws Subcommittee - JC advises that 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was conducted on 2/7/17 – original bylaws were reviewed, and 1<sup>st</sup> revision draft bylaws were prepared & sent to subcommittee members for review – next meeting scheduled for 3/7/17

### V. POSSIBLE 2017 MEMBER PROJECTS

1. Member Initiatives:
  - Student Recycling after Sporting Events - EB initiated conversations with school and Town officials – EB & MP to follow up

- Prescription Drug Drop Off – AK will begin efforts to have a permanent site located in the W. Seneca Police Dept. office
- Public Outreach & Education re: Household Recycling - EH to initiate

#### VI. OTHER PROJECTS

1. Croglio Subdivision - EH provided draft letter (to Town Planning Board) to members for review – after discussion, minor revisions suggested, revised letter approved by members – EH will finalize letter, will send to Planning Board
2. Oakgrove Construction - RR contacted NYSDEC staff re: compliance with regulations – RR, JC met to review application at Town Hall, provided EH with issues, suggestions, and observations – EH incorporated same into draft letter, members reviewed letter and discussed – EH will revise letter and e-mail to members for further review – GH advises that this project is scheduled to be addressed at the March 9 Planning Board meeting
3. 4972/4982 Seneca St. – GH advises that a 28 unit Townhouse development is proposed
4. National Grid Upgrade – public meeting to be conducted at Town Hall on 3/1/17

#### VII. OTHER

1. EB offered to represent W. Seneca on the Erie County Environmental Management Commission (meetings are conducted monthly)

#### VIII. ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC – none

Adjourned – 8:25 p.m.

Next meeting – March 28, 2017