

W. SENECA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Christian Metz Home – 12 School St., West Seneca

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 P.M.

II. ATTENDANCE

Evelyn Hicks (EH) Chair, Rick Rutkowski (RR) Vice-Chair, Mike Wass (MW), Karl Spencer (KS), Camie Jarrell (CJ), Dave Monopolus (DM), Amy Kobler (AK), Matt Poole (MP)

Excused: Jim Caruso (JC), Lauren Masset (LM)

Absent: Matthew Roche (MR), Emily Baker (EB)

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

1. Meeting Minutes – June 2017 – minor revision to minutes, accepted & approved by members
2. 2017 WSEC Budget – \$1476.11
Town Environmental funds:
 - National Fish and Wildlife Federation - \$2,710.96
 - US Fish & Wildlife Service - \$29,000.00
 - National Grid Mitigation Fund - \$61,000Budget reviewed, accepted & approved by members
3. Correspondence – none
4. Office – construction not completed
5. 2015, 2016 Annual Reports – status quo

IV. WSEC PROJECTS - UPDATES/DISCUSSION

1. Oxbow (2805 Clinton St.) –status quo - EH advised that NYSDEC work permits will expire in 2018
2. 2735 Clinton St. – status quo
3. Standing Subcommittee reports:
 - Tree Issues Subcommittee – status quo
 - Creek Awareness Subcommittee – subcommittee will request that W. Seneca East & W. Seneca West middle schools allot time for presentations to 6th and 7th grade students during the school year
 - By-Laws Subcommittee – status quo
 - Water Quality Issues Subcommittee:
 - Buffalo Creek Canoe/Kayak Launch – 880 Harlem Rd. - RR will discuss signage for site, viability of public announcement with NYSDOT and NYSDEC
 - Rain Barrels – 10 in partial stages of fabrication, 4 completed at storage shed (2735 Clinton St.)
 - Municipal Rain Barrels – RR advised that Carol Yetter has set up 1 barrel at the Burchfield Center – she has no need for any more
 - Storm Drain Marking – not yet begun for 2017

V. 2017 MEMBER PROJECTS

1. Student Recycling after Sporting Events – no report
2. Public Outreach & Education re: Household Recycling – discussion ensued re: outreach to the public via initiation of a Facebook page as a tool to provide

environmental education to the community - after discussion, members voted to create a Facebook page.

3. National Night Out (Aug.1) – RR advised that Mary Rossi (Erie County) will bring stormwater related information for the public – RR, MW will bring a rain barrel, the WSEC banner, handouts, stuffed animals for exhibit

VI. OTHER PROJECTS

1. 162 Slade Ave. - KS spoke with Town Attorney John Fenz (July 10), who advised that site plan approval has not been requested yet.

VII. ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

1. Deer control – EH has researched this issue, and has determined that the WSEC cannot develop any action plan to address deer population control in W. Seneca – no further action
2. Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day – Aug. 5 – AK will post the announcement for this event on the Town's web site and the bulletin board in Town Hall
3. Mill Rd. tree removal (reported in W.S. Bee) – KS reports that John Gullo advised that removal was within Tree Ordinance parameters (root damage to sewer)

Next meeting – Aug 22

Adjourned – 8:12 p.m.