

W. SENECA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 7:00 PM
Burchfield Nature & Art Center – 2001 Union Rd., West Seneca

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:03 P.M.

II. ATTENDANCE

Members: Evelyn Hicks (EH), Chair, Rick Rutkowski (RR), Vice-Chair, Dave Monopolus (DM), Lauren Masset, (LM), Mike Wass (MW)

Absent/Excused: Karl Spencer, Jim Caruso, Camie Jarrell, Matthew Roche

Associate Members: Rich Corbetta, Emily Baker, Matthew Poole

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

1. Meeting Minutes – May, June 2016 - tabled
2. 2016 Budget – WSEC budget balance - \$1242.30
National Fish and Wildlife Federation - \$2,710.96
US Fish & Wildlife Service - \$28,310.00
3. Correspondence – MW provided On The Marsh newsletter to EH
4. Office – status quo
5. 2015 Annual Report – status quo

IV. WSEC PROJECTS - UPDATES/DISCUSSION

1. Oxbow (2805 Clinton St.) – status quo
2. 2735 Clinton St. – broken culvert (outlet from wetland to Buffalo Creek) replacement project ongoing - NYS Freshwater wetlands Permit issued by DEC (permittee is Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District), contractor is Serafini Construction
3. Subcommittee reports:
 - Tree Issues Subcommittee – RR provided comments re: Handbook, powerpoint presentation to EH via e-mail
 - Creek Awareness Subcommittee – status quo
 - Water Quality Issues Subcommittee:
 - Canoe/Kayak launch site (880 Harlem Rd.) – status quo
 - Storm drain marking program – on 7/24/16, remainder of medallions (14) affixed to Town streets by JC, RR - (total for 2016 – 100)
 - Rain barrel distribution program – 4 additional barrels provided by DM (stored at 2735 Clinton St.) – 6 rain barrels at site ready for distribution
 - Municipal Rain Barrels – status quo
4. 2016 Projects –:
 - National Night Out (Aug. 2) at Southgate Plaza – RR will bring 2 rain barrels to event for distribution to W. Seneca residents
 - Sept. 21, 2016 - 7:30 a.m. - Alton's restaurant –. EH will attend W. Seneca Rotary meeting (Sept. 21), will discuss W. Sen. Env. Commission activities to attendees
 - Aug 28, 2016 – Music Festival at BNAC – WSEC plans to have a table at event

V. OTHER PROJECTS – none

Adjourned: 8:07 P.M.

Next meeting – Aug. 23