

WEST SENECA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018 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), Lauren Masset (LM), Emily Baker (EB) Camie Jarrell (CJ), Karl Spencer (KS)

Excused/Absent: Matthew Roche (MR), Beth Feeney (BF)

Town Board Members: Bill Hanley (BH)

Guests: Allison Kohl, Meghan Williams, Zachary Walters, Colleen Buck, Jim Lawson, Cole Banks, Nina Vadala, Stephanie Dzielinski, Maya Pastnik, Kristen Miloshevski, Alex Duffin, Michael Mafaschielp, Brianna Morath, Abby Pitz, Tianna Swift

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES – Dedication: members dedicated this meeting to Jim Caruso, who passed away October 6, 2018. Jim served as a WSEC member from 2012 – 2017. A memorial service will be conducted at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, 3148 Abbott Rd., Orchard Park at 10 a.m. on November 12, 2018.

1. Meeting Minutes – September 2018 – accepted & approved by members – RR advised that neither the (approved) August 2018 meeting minutes nor the (approved) WSEC Bylaws had been posted on the Town website – EH will address this issue with Town Clerk's office
2. Financial Report - MW reports that budget amounts are as follows:
  - 2018 WSEC Budget – \$949.71
  - Town Environmental funds:
    - National Fish and Wildlife Federation (NFWF) - \$2,710.96
    - US Fish & Wildlife Service - \$29,000.00
    - National Grid Mitigation Fund - \$61,000.00

Financial Report accepted & approved by members

3. Correspondence – none
4. 2015, 2016, 2017 Annual Reports – status quo
5. Office – EH will identify items that are to be moved (by Town staff) to 1<sup>st</sup> floor

IV. WSEC PROJECTS - UPDATES/DISCUSSION

1. Oxbow (2805 Clinton St.) – Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper provided a site tour for River Academy (SUNY Erie students) on October 4
2. Standing Subcommittee reports:
  - Tree Issues Subcommittee – status quo
  - Creek Awareness Subcommittee – status quo
  - Education Subcommittee – Deer Management - EH advised that the subcommittee will initially identify options for residents to mitigate damage to their gardens and ornamental vegetation (some information available on NYSDEC website)
  - Water Quality Issues Subcommittee –
    - Buffalo Creek Canoe/Kayak Launch – 880 Harlem Rd. – status quo
    - Residential Rain Barrels – status quo
    - Municipal Rain Barrels – status quo
    - Storm Drain Marking – EH has purchased (but not yet received) 200 storm drain medallions for application to curbs in 2018

V. 2018 MEMBER PROJECTS

1. Community Outreach – all events completed for 2018

VI. TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

1. 3400 Transit Rd. – (proposed) car wash – no environmental issues were noted
2. Carriage Lane Townhomes (2730 Transit Rd.) – (proposed) 38 townhomes – after discussion, members felt that the following issues should be conveyed to the Town Planning Board:

- Green infrastructure opportunities
- Tree Ordinance compliance

EH will draft a letter to the Planning Board addressing these issues, will e-mail it to members for review/comment/approval, and will deliver the letter to the Planning Board at the Nov. 1, 2018 meeting

VII. ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC - None

Adjourned – 7:48 p.m.