

W. SENECA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 7:00 PM

Burchfield Nature and Arts Center

2001 Union Road, West Seneca

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:05

II. ATTENDANCE

Present: Rick Rutkowski, Vice-Chairman; Joyce Mallette, Paula Olma,
Dave Monopolus, George Rockey, Gary Oosterhoudt, Jack Oshei

Excused: Evelyn Hicks

Absent: Sheila Meegan

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

1. Revised August 2010 meeting minutes will be distributed to all members for review.
2. Treasurer's report: JM reports no new expenditures since last meeting – 2010 budgeted monies is expected to be used for signage for sites.
3. Office Space - has been obtained for the WSEC in the Burchfield Center.

IV. DISCUSSION - 2010 WSEC PROJECTS

1. Oxbow Grant - no new information to report.
2. Oxbow Property – no new information to report.
Ecology and Environment performed a herpetological (frogs and turtles) study in the oxbow as part of National Fish and Wildlife Federation grant (8/3-8/5). Report not yet completed.
3. Serafini Property – no new information to report.
4. Hi View Terrace – RR reports that the NYSDEC does not expect any of the Water Quality Improvement Project grants to be awarded prior to this year's election. Retirements and projected layoffs within NY State government may further delay awarding of grants
5. Leydecker Rd. Creek Access Point – 2 trash cans have been placed at the site. Apparently, they are being maintained/emptied by either the Buildings and Grounds Dept. or the Highway Dept.

V. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

1. Edbauer Construction – DM reports that clearing of land is ongoing.
2. Houghton College – no new information to report.

VI. NEW PROJECTS FOR 2011

1. 1030 Orchard Park Rd – RR believes that this site has enough freshwater wetland area to be classified as a NY State Regulated Freshwater Wetland. This needs to be discussed among the members at a future meeting.
2. 1200 East & West Rd. – GR reported that 3 group homes are being erected at the site

Additional Items:

1. RR asked each member to think about a project that he/she would “champion” for 2011. Projects will be discussed at the November meeting.
2. RR reported that the Western NY Stormwater Coalition is conducting an educational workshop at the Erie County Fire Training Academy in Cheektowaga on October 28, 2010 – no charge to attend

Meeting adjourned – 7:45