

## W. SENECA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 7:00 PM

Burchfield Nature and Arts Center

2001 Union Road, West Seneca

### I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 P.M.

### II. ATTENDANCE

Present: Rick Rutkowski (RR), Joyce Mallette (JM), Evelyn Hicks (EH),  
Paula Olma (PO), Gary Oosterhoudt (GO), Al Kerner (AK)

Absent: Ferol Webb, Lester Loucks (LL), Sheila Meegan (SM)

Guest: Dave Monopolous

### III ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

1. Table the review of the June 2009 meeting minutes until next meeting
2. Treasurers report: Joyce Mallette reported a finance charge from Rebo Supply Inc. - Al will address this issue with the company
3. \$900.00 remains in budget – new expenditures agreed on for:
  - \$100.00 donation to Riverkeeper
  - \$60.00 donation to Retree WNY

Al will investigate the cost for signage for public access points at creeks – he will have a complete report pertaining to signage for the next meeting

A budget request for 2010 of \$1000.00 for the WSEC was submitted to the Town

### IV. DISCUSSION - 2009 WSEC PROJECTS

1. Night Out 2009 – not as successful as in the past – weather related?  
Fewer booths than in past years
2. Bulletin Board – needs to be developed for W. Sen Library in October -  
theme: Trees are Treasures (include photos of W. Seneca nature scenes) –  
we need to develop a bulletin board for display at the Town Hall - possibly  
for May 2010 – Another idea is a kiosk for the Leydecker Rd Creek  
Access Point
3. Oxbow property – Status quo (acquisition of the property “on hold” as per  
EH) – apparently, problems are evolving with the property transfer EH  
provided a handout to the members and she and RR will attend a meeting  
re the oxbow at the Riverkeepers office on 10/28/09 – invasive species will  
be discussed at the meeting  
Also the Natural Places in Erie County Brochure will be provided by EH  
for distribution throughout the Town

4. EH reports re: the SEQR workshop which is to be conducted (2 sessions – at ECC North and at ECC South and handed out brochures – AK, D. Monopolous to attend – AK will try to persuade the WS highway superintendent (Matt English) to attend
5. Hi View Terrace – RR reports that C. Minor (grant writer for W. Seneca) has submitted a WQIP Round 10 grant to the DEC which will address the failing septic systems issue – he will try to obtain a copy of the application
6. Long Range Plan for WSEC – Status Quo – the long range plan needs to be updated – EH will address
7. Office Space - AK will solicit a donation of office space from Dale McCabe (owner of the Southgate Plaza).

V. NEW ISSUES

1. AK expects to be appointed to a foreman's position at the highway Dept in 2010, which will help our WSEC efforts/projects