

West Seneca Environmental Commission - April 24, 2007 Minutes

1. Water Quality in the Creeks of W. Seneca program
Success/evaluation – RR mentioned that he and EH attended the 4/17 ECEMC meeting and discussed the WS program. The ECEMC members want to use the WS program as a template, and RR provided the outline and press release to Tom Hersey of the ECEMC. Al K. mentioned that more common terms should be used (instead of acronyms) so that attendees would have a better understanding of the topic(s). RR mentioned that future programs should have an evaluation form for attendees to complete.
 - Registration info – enough contact info to recruit for Bflo Creek Cleanup?
 - RR wondered if enough info was gathered with the registration so that people could be contacted to assist with public events (cleanups, etc)
 - Dave M. said that the Market at the Square contributed the refreshments for the program
 - Copy of registration to G. Bommer for Annual Report
 - Documentation of program was put into a folder

2. Fishing Derby (11.am – 1 p.m.)
 - Al K. is going to Fish the pond with bait (May) to determine fish availability.
 - Also, he will look for additional funding
 - Tina B. said that her brother could stock the pond if necessary
 - Gary B. said that the YMCA bathroom facilities could be used by attendees
 - Rick R. suggested that fishing gear could be given as prizes
 - Event should be advertised in the Bee, Metro Community News, perhaps other

3. Boat Launch Project
 - Tina B. said project is on hold because of lack of funding. Sources for funding may be in the form of grants. Rick R. wondered if the project should be downsized to increase the likelihood of obtaining funding

4. Review of Proposed New Development Projects in W. Seneca. - Rick R. felt that important projects (i.e. that could impact the environment) should be brought to the attention of the WS Env Committee - Town Board has adopted site Plan Review

5. Comments re: Draft Annual Plan for 2006-07

6. Wal Mart Status – no change since last meeting – no response from Wal-Mart since the 2nd rejection – town feels that they cannot satisfy the flooding issue

7. Other:
 - Possible Grant Opportunities www.grants.gov
 - Stormwater Training availability today at ECC North
 - Dave M. said that he would provide RR with a copy of Robert's Rules of Order

Dave M. and Tina B. spoke about obtaining reusable bags for groceries – cost could be underwritten by soliciting advertisement
Environmental award (plaque?) for businesses to display – eligibility criteria would have to be developed

Recruiting of Youth for Environmental Commission – one person needed perhaps from a high school?

May 14 Public Hearing at W. Sen town Hall re: use of trash containers to mitigate rodent problemr

Attendees: Gary Oosterhoudt, Rick Rutkowski; Joyce Mallette, Lester Loucks; Paula Olma; Ferol Webb; Al Kerner, Christine W. Bove, Dave Monolopoulos

Excused: R. Vallone

Commission Members: Gary Oosterhoudt, Chairman; Rick Rutkowski, Vice-Chairman; Roberta Vallone, Secretary; Joyce Mallette, Lester Loucks; Paula Olma; Ferol Webb; Al Kerner

West Seneca Town Board Liaison: Christine W. Bove, Councilmember