

W. SENECA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007 at 7:00 PM

Christian Metz Home

2001 Union Road, West Seneca

I. CALL TO ORDER

- II. ATTENDANCE - Gary Oosterhoudt, Rick Rutkowski, Joyce Mallette,; Paula Olma; Evelyn Hicks
Excused: R.Vallone, Al Kerner
With only 4 official members in attendance, a quorum was not reached

III. DISCUSSION

1. Mineral Springs Boat Launch project - an amendment to the W. Seneca Master Plan was adopted by the Town at the June 25, 2007 Town Board meeting re: support of the proposed Mineral Springs Boat Launch project. This action will allow the new grant application (which will be submitted to NY State Parks) to “score higher” in the scoring process which is used to award funding to grants.
2. West Seneca Night Out - scheduled for Tuesday August 7, from 6 P.M. – 9 P.M.
3. Canisius Sports Stadium – A meeting was held on June 13 at Dave Swift’s house. In attendance were Father Higgins and the attorney and architect representing Canisius H.S. and a few residents from the Concerned Citizens for Responsible Growth in West Seneca. The Canisius group owns 2 (“eastern” and “western”) parcels of land along Clinton St., each approximately 33 acres in size. They presented their plans for the construction of sports fields (football, soccer, baseball), a small building, and parking facilities, and said that if they could build all of them on the Western parcel without receiving any public opposition to the project that they would agree to consider the Eastern parcel for a land conservancy. They mentioned that they would be willing to meet with the W Seneca Environmental Commission in the near future, possibly on July 25th.
4. Solicitations - mailings for funding were received from the Hawk Creek Wildlife Foundation, Americorps, and the Arbor Foundation. No decisions could be made because of the lack of a quorum, but discussions among the group in attendance were not supportive of contributing funds.
5. Recruiting of Youth for Environmental Commission - no recruits yet – perhaps the Commission should formally advertise for a potential member.
6. Kids Fishing Derby – scheduled for September or October – the Commission’s next meeting is scheduled for September 25 – a special meeting (July 25) may be considered for the purpose of discussing the Fishing Derby, W. Seneca Night Out , and perhaps meeting with the Canisius group re: their project.

7. The environmental Commission's computer and printer are now located at the Metz House, and both seem to be operational, but password protection is necessary. E. Hicks said that she would discuss this with Jim Manley. We also discussed the purchase of 2 under-cabinet file cabinets for our work area at the Metz house.

IV. ADJOURN