

West Seneca Environmental Commission
Monthly Meeting Minutes (Draft)
August 28, 2012

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Evelyn Hicks, *Chair*, at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 2012.
- II. ATTENDANCE - Attending members: Jim Caruso, Rick Rutkowski, *Vice Chair*, Dave Monolopolous, George Rockey, Jack Oshei, Evelyn Hicks, *Chair*, *Joyce Mallette, *Paula Olma, *Gary Oosterhoudt. Absent: Sheila Meegan, *Town Council Liaison*. Guests: Lorraine Basil, Steve Kondrak, Michael M, Gene Hart.

* indicates previous members seeking renewed membership (see III-5)

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

1. Meeting Minutes - The Chair reported that Nov. 2011, Feb., March, Apr., May, Jun. 2012 are tabled until amendments made by her are read by all members for approval at a future meeting. Jack Oshei raised point of information regarding layout of minutes, answered by the Chair.
2. Financial/Treasurer's Report – Joyce Mallette reported \$463.05 in account, unchanged as of last month. The Chair responded to point of information regarding expenses on cameras on Ledger.
3. Correspondence – The Vice Chair reported that a State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) was sent out from Town of West Seneca Code Enforcement Officer regarding Buffalo BioEnergy digester. The Chair stated that she had not received any information and asked that further documents sent from Code Enforcement Officer are sent as emails. Jack Oshei requested that a map of the Town of West Seneca be made available at Meetings for reference.
4. Office – Jim Caruso inquired as to the Office's location.
5. Membership – It was apparent that all members' membership were approved at a Work Session of the Town Council. Gene Hart stated that Joyce Mallette, Paula Olma, and Gary Oosterhoudt membership requests were not approved. The Chair stated that a further discussion will be held with Gene Hart regarding membership.

IV. WSEC PROJECTS – UPDATES/DISCUSSION

1. Serafini (2735 Clinton St.) parcel – Rick Rutkowski reported that rezoning bid was approved by Town Council.
2. Oxbow (2805 Clinton St.) parcel – Rick Rutkowski inquired if an agreement was necessary for construction of a shed on parcel and further stated that he will evaluate map for access from Mineral Springs Rd. The Chair inquired about appropriate signage or barriers to prevent access to parcel.
3. Boat/canoe/kayak launch site – George Rockey reported that preparatory work will not

be done until November 2012. Gene Hart reported that he spoke with Town Grant Writer regarding \$50,000 grant from previous administration for use at proposed launch site. The Chair will contact Town Grant Writer regarding this matter.

4. Leydecker Rd. creek access site – Joyce Mallette reported that garbage can on site now has a lid.

5. Tree Survey Plan – The Chair expressed concern regarding lack of information available to the public.

6. Stormwater - The Chair inquired about moving emerald ash borer epidemic outreach information to Senior Center, Public Library, or Burchfield Center. The Vice Chair reported that he found additional information online and further stated that he will contact Mr. Pfihl regarding this matter.

7. National Night Out – The Chair reported who was present at booth and further stated that time slots be more detailed in for future events and storing of animals. Some members expressed approval of National Night Out.

8. Earsing Sills – see V-4.

V. TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – ISSUES/STATUS

1. 1200 East & West Rd. – Proposal for Veterans Center is status quo. George Rockey presented map of property and identified uses for some members.

2. 810 Union Rd. – No action.

3. Buffalo BioEnergy – see III-3.

4. The Chair reported letters received from West Middle School and . Some members discussed appropriate signage to alert boaters and pedestrians of the Earsing Sills in the creek.

VI. FUTURE PROJECTS

VII. ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for September 25, 2012 at 7 p.m. at Burchfield Nature and Art Center.