

WEST SENECA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

Tuesday, February 29, 2012
Burchfield Nature and Arts Center
2001 Union Road, West Seneca

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM

II. ATTENDANCE

Present: Evelyn Hicks (EH), Joyce Mallette (JM), Gary Oosterhoudt (GO), Jack Oshei (JO), George Rockey (GR), Rick Rutkowski (RR)

Excused: Paula Olma (PO), Sheila Meegan (SM)

Absent: Dave Monopolus (DM)

Guests: Steve Kondrak, Mike Wilkinson, NYS DEC

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

1. November 2011 meeting minutes were discussed; tabled.
2. Financial/Treasurer's Report, 2012 budget – JM reported a balance of \$x.
 - a. EH reported an expenditure of \$149.98 for a Nikon digital camera.
3. Correspondence – Letter from Jacqueline Felser (West Seneca Town Clerk) regarding site plan application for 800 Union Road.
4. Office- RR reported that he has a new email: rickrrutkowski@gmail.com.
5. Membership/Associate members – Letters for membership were not discussed at recent Town Council meetings.
6. Minutes – RR stated he would write a letter to Jacqueline Felser (West Seneca Town Clerk) for more information on minute-taking format

IV. WSEC PROJECTS – UPDATES/DISCUSSION

1. Serafini (2735 Clinton St.) parcel – EH stated that the Connie Minor, Town Grant Writer, is in process of getting funds downloaded.
2. Oxbow (2805 Clinton St.) parcel –
 - a. EH stated that trapping needs to be done.
3. Ludwig Ave. Creek Access site – removed from agenda.
4. Boat/canoe/kayak launch site(s) –
 - a. Two possible sites: 570 Mineral Springs Road and 880 Harlem Road;
 - b. RR expressed that 880 Harlem Road should be retrofitted;
 - c. EH asked that both sites be considered for economic feasibility for development;

- d. RR stated that Kerri Kbentowski didn't like 880 Harlem Road site;
- e. GR reported that Yokowanda & Safari Foundation would donate to development, and that the DEC prefers 570 Mineral Springs Road site;
- f. EH asked GR to present a proposal for non-motorized watercraft.
- 5. Leydecker Rd. Creek Access site –
 - a. GO reported that site was clean
- 6. Meyer Rd. – no discussion, designated as a future project
- 7. Reminder of West Seneca Developmental Workshop on 2/29/12

V. FUTURE PROJECTS

- 1. April 21 cleanup-
 - a. EH will ask for