

## W. SENECA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 7:00 PM  
BNAC – 2001 Union Rd., West Seneca

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM
- II. ATTENDANCE: Evelyn Hicks (EH), Chair, Rick Rutkowski (RR), Vice-Chair, Joyce Mallette (JM), Dave Monopolopolus (DM), Jim Caruso (JC), George Rockey (GR), Steve Kondrak (SK), Jack Oshei (JO), Lauren Massett (LM), Sheila Meegan (SM)  
Guests: Travis Hicks, Casey Roberto  
Absent: Karl Spencer
- III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES
  1. Meeting Minutes – Apr 2014 – approved by members
  2. Expiring Commission memberships – all members have submitted resumes to Town Board
  3. Financial/Treasurer's Report - \$1500.00
  4. Correspondence – none received
  5. Office: printer has been purchased (\$129.99) from Office Max – RR suggests returning the unused desk (purchased years ago) for credit to offset costs of printer, (or for store credit to WSEC account) – agreed to by EH
- IV. WSEC MEMBER PROJECTS - UPDATES/DISCUSSION
  1. EH/LM Oxbow (2805 Clinton St.) parcel – planting/weeding event scheduled for 5/31 between 9 a.m. - noon
  2. JM, LM - WSEC library display – removed at end of April – no month has been selected for our display for 2015 yet
  3. KS - Creek Awareness Presentation – KS, EH, and high school junior (Chris Hereth) delivered presentation (May 16 – 2 sessions) to 700 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders - students were interested and had many good questions, which were answered by EH. Chris Hereth assisted with the powerpoint, and will participate at next year's presentation.
  4. West Seneca Developmental Center (1200 East & West Road) – status quo
  5. National Grid – Gardenville Station Upgrade Project – possible site visit in June
  6. Subcommittee reports:
    - Tree Issues Subcommittee:
      - Meeting conducted 5/6 – all subcommittee members present, with interested residents participating – Town rep. John Gullo discussed Tree Ordinance enforcement issues, and suggested that the Planning Board could be more specific in addressing tree protection in site plans. EH will ask the Planning Board chair to speak at a future subcommittee meeting - revision of the Tree Ordinance continues based on

recommendations of members, residents, and speakers. –  
next meeting – June 10

- Water Quality Issues Subcommittee:
  - Rain Barrels – RR installed 2 at BNAC on 5/12– need to install 1 more, sign – as of 5/13, no gutters/downspouts installed at picnic shelter at Children’s Memorial Park (rain barrel installation by WSEC afterwards) - DM reports that he has 6 barrels at his house – (need to fabricate rain barrels) – SM would like evaluation for a rain barrel to service the Veteran’s Memorial garden ( between Town Hall and Library) – Subcommittee will coordinate with Jim Manly (veteran’s committee) – subcommittee will try to ID other Town owned sites for rain barrel opportunities
  - Illicit Discharges (Cazenovia Creek) – RR met with NYSDEC staff to review history of situation, discuss issues – DEC sampling events in 1988, 1994 revealed very high bacteria levels at easternmost outfall to creek – DEC intends to:
    - establish communications with Town Engineering office/Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System representative (Clark Patterson Lee Eng. firm)
    - review Town’s Hi View subdivision site plans
    - develop plan to address situationRR will liason to WSEC for meeting between NYSDEC and Town Engineering office/consultant  
No response from Town Board re: signage at Mill Rd. Park - after discussion, EH will initiate process for sign procurement
  - Boat/canoe/kayak launch site (0 Bishop Pl) – RR would like members to visit site prior to our June meeting so that members can discuss utilization of site

## V. TOWN ISSUES

1. BNAC – construction of restroom facilities expected in 2015
2. Patio home application - 3858, 3863, 3869 Clinton Street: issue tabled by Town Planning Board
3. Buffalo Bioenergy - Use of digestion wastes – RR spoke with NYSDEC representative Efrat Forgette, and sent DEC web site link providing background information re: the digestion process to WSEC members for review- EH will arrange for site visit to facility
4. Shell Fabrication (Clinton St.) – proposes to expand (building, parking, etc.) at site – EH will send information to members for review/comment –(to be addressed at June 12 Planning Board meeting)

## VI. ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC – none

Call to Close: 8:30 p.m.