

W. SENECA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Christian Metz Home – 12 School St., West Seneca

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:10 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

Evelyn Hicks (EH) Chair, Rick Rutkowski (RR) Vice-Chair, Mike Wass (MW)
Excused: Matthew Roche (MR), Camie Jarrell (CJ), Lauren Masset (LM), Beth Feeney (BF), Emily Baker (EB), Amy Kobler (AK), Karl Spencer (KS)
Town Board Members: Gene Hart (GH), Bill Hanley (BH)
Guest: Luke Bubar (Orchard Park High School)

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

1. Meeting Minutes – Feb., March 2018 – tabled
2. Financial Report- MW reports that budget amounts are unchanged:
 - 2018 WSEC Budget – \$1029.85
 - Town Environmental funds:
 - National Fish and Wildlife Federation - \$2,710.96
 - US Fish & Wildlife Service - \$29,000.00
 - National Grid Mitigation Fund - \$61,000.00
3. Correspondence – none
4. 2015, 2016, 2017 Annual Reports – EH reported that a draft of these reports has been completed (by AK)
5. Office – EH reports that WSEC equipment and supplies have been moved to the Christian Metz Home

IV. WSEC PROJECTS - UPDATES/DISCUSSION

1. Oxbow (2805 Clinton St.) – RR removed garbage, recyclables from storage shed, EH observed migrating ducks in oxbow waters
2. Standing Subcommittee reports:
 - Tree Issues Subcommittee – status quo
 - Creek Awareness Subcommittee – EH advised that 2 presentations are planned in conjunction with the W. Seneca Youth camp (summer 2018)
 - By-Laws Subcommittee – EH advises that draft has been completed – she will e-mail to members for review
 - Water Quality Issues Subcommittee –
 - Buffalo Creek Canoe/Kayak Launch – 880 Harlem Rd. – EH advises that Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper may provide enhancements to site as part of the Buffalo Blueway Initiative
 - Residential Rain Barrels – status quo
 - Municipal Rain Barrels –status quo
 - Storm Drain Marking –RR identified costs for supplies and equipment needed for storm drain installation, will e-mail information (Storm Drain Medallion Placement Installation Protocol) sheet to members

V. 2018 MEMBER PROJECTS

1. Public Outreach & Education re: Household Recycling – RR will e-mail announcements for Erie Co. Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off days to members

VI. OTHER PROJECTS

1. 435 Meyer Rd. (Union Concrete) – proposed 18,000 sq. ft. building
2. 1005 Indian Church Rd.(Ebenezer Rail Car) – proposed 94,000 sq. ft. building
3. Earth Day cleanup event (April 21) – EH reports that 15 bags of trash were removed from the BNAC grounds, RR reports that he, CJ, and 31 volunteers removed 22 bags of trash, 6 bags of recyclables from the banks of Cazenovia creek

VII. ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

1. Leydecker Rd. Fishing Access site – signage has been erected (replaced)

Adjourned – 8:13 p.m.