

WEST SENECA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Christian Metz Home – 12 School St., West Seneca

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:03 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

Evelyn Hicks (EH) Chair, Rick Rutkowski (RR) Vice-Chair, Mike Wass (MW), Lauren Masset (LM), Karl Spencer (KS), Camie Jarrell (CJ), Emily Baker (EB), Jake Kobler(JK)

Excused/Absent:, Amy Kobler (AK), Amber McCarthy (AM)

Town Council: Gene Hart (GH)

Guests: Jim Lawson (JL)

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

1. Meeting Minutes – April, May 2019 – accepted and approved by members
2. Financial Report – MW reports that budget amounts are as follows:
 - 2019 WSEC Working Budget – \$1450.23
 - Town Environmental funds:
 - National Fish and Wildlife Federation (NFWF) - \$2,710.96
 - US Fish & Wildlife Service - \$29,000.00
 - National Grid Mitigation Fund - \$61,000.00Financial report accepted and approved by members
3. Correspondence – None
4. 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 Annual Reports – status quo
5. Office - status quo
6. Meeting location – LM to determine the possibility of using the room adjacent to the new library building next to Town Hall

IV. WSEC PROJECTS - UPDATES/DISCUSSION

1. Oxbow (2805 Clinton St.) – status quo
2. Standing Subcommittee reports:
 - Tree Issues Subcommittee – status quo
 - Creek Awareness Subcommittee – status quo
 - Education Subcommittee:
 - Deer Management – development of proposed “position paper” – status quo
 - Residential Recycling – status quo
 - Additional Education Opportunities - the storm drain medallion flyer will be sent to the local papers for publication by LM
 - Water Quality Issues Subcommittee:
 - Buffalo Creek Canoe/Kayak Launch – 880 Harlem Rd. – RR called Ted Myers (NYSDEC) to discuss the possibility of extending the launch steps further up the creek bank because of elevated river levels, is awaiting a return call
 - Residential Rain Barrels – 12 remain in storage
 - Municipal Rain Barrels – status quo
 - Storm Drain Marking -- WSEC Work Meeting (6/25) - RR, TS, MW, EH applied 33 medallions on 4 Town streets – in July, RR applied 47 medallions on 12 streets, LM, EB applied 19 medallions on 3 streets

V. OTHER EVENTS

1. National Night Out - Aug. 6 – (Dunn Tire parking lot) – members manning the booth were RR, MW, AK, JK, EH. TS - 2 rain barrels were “raffled off” to residents.

VI. TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

1. 3100 Clinton St. – Rosina Foods development (proposed)

VII. ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC –

1. Erie County Environmental Management Council meetings - KS attends meetings, will send meeting minutes to WSEC members, and will identify items that are pertinent to W. Seneca for discussion at future WSEC meetings.

Adjourned – 8:16 p.m.