

WEST SENECA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM

West Seneca Community Center – 1300 Union Rd., West Seneca

CALL TO ORDER – 7:04 p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE

Evelyn Hicks (EH) Chair, Rick Rutkowski (RR) Vice-Chair, Mike Wass (MW),
Jacqueline Balikowski (JB)

Excused/Absent: Lauren Masset (LM), Emily Masset (EM), Cynn timer Gaasch (CG),
Tracy Skalski (TS)

(No quorum for meeting)

II. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

1. Meeting Minutes – March 2021 - tabled
2. Correspondence – re: National Night Out (see below)

III. WSEC PROJECTS - UPDATES/DISCUSSION

1. Oxbow Wetlands (2805 Clinton St.) – RR picked up/disposed of trash, cut weeds around storage building, noted growth of milkweed plants adjacent to berm
2. Standing Subcommittee reports:
 - Education Subcommittee:
 - Environmental Corner - RR wrote a news release re: the Storm Drain Marking program, TS had the article posted to the Environmental Corner and sent it to the W. Seneca Sun
 - Water Quality Issues Subcommittee:
 - Storm Drain Marking – RR, TS marked 9 streets with 47 medallions - program has been completed

IV. TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

1. 2885 Clinton St – (proposed ballfields – Canisius High School) - next step in process: either ID of alternate site, or meeting between involved parties (Town, Indian Nations, NYSOPRHP, & NYSDEC)

V. ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

1. National Night Out - Aug. 3 - 5PM-9PM - Erie 1 BOCES - 355 Harlem Rd. – members volunteering - EH, TS, RR, MW, JB
2. Town Deer Task Force – meetings conducted 1/mo. to determine feasibility of implementing deer control program
3. As per EH, Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper conducted a presentation re: their National Fish and Wildlife Federation grant at the June 28 Town Board meeting
4. Meyer Road Wetlands – EH reported that the upgrades to the electrical power substation have been completed, and that the viewing station construction at the wetlands is ongoing.

Adjourned – 7:39 p.m.