

VILLAGE OF HAMBURG ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, July 13, 2016; 7:00 PM

Hamburg Village Hall, 100 Main St., Hamburg, NY 14075

Present: Commission Members: Chair - Adrienne Punturiero, Edwin Drabek, Stuart Wheaton, Andy Schrauth

Absent: Tom Collins Danielle Zientek, Tim McDonald, Mark Mol (member-in-waiting)

Bridge over Eighteen Mile Creek

- Logan Bessel received approval from his advisor to go ahead with the project
- He is not as far along with the project and notified us he is planning to attend the August Committee meeting instead of this one
- Environmental Commission took a field trip June 18 to Springville to see a privately owned wood-truss covered bridge
- Adrienne addressed the Imagine Hamburg Group. They are supporting the concept of the bridge over the creek
- Paul Becker is Logan's Trails Commission contact: regarding questions Logan may have about the proposed trails
- Committee viewed photo of the 'The Bridge of Flowers', Shelburne Falls MA; large, 400-foot-long garden pathway, vegetated pedestrian bridge over the Deerfield River (former trolley line bridge)

Mark Colmerauer Memorial

- Article about Mark, written by Adrienne, has been sent to Village for inclusion into their fall newsletter
- Stu found there are several options for the memorial plaque; it would cost up to \$200 (on the high end) for about a 12'x14' metal plaque; time frame is about a month to produce
- Memorial plaque to be located on post beside newly planted American Beech tree in Memorial Park
- Need 'wording' for plaque; possibility of image on plaque as well
- Adrienne to inquire with Joanne Colmerauer and Mayor Moses about plaque configuration/wording

Volcano Mulching

- The Village Parks and Recreation Department 'volcano' mulched the trees in Memorial Park; Andy reconfigured mulch around all trees into a 'doughnut hole' for proper tree health
- The Trolley Shuttle Park trees were also 'volcano' mulched; mulch had been altered from this; Andy also reconfigured the mulch around these trees
- Andy talked with Josh Haeick, Supervisor, Parks and Recreation. He was aware of the incorrect mulching and will properly mulch in the future.
- Andy also talked with Josh about the need for a 'parks system master plan' to allow any future tree planting in parks organized around present and future park programming

Erie County Environmental Award Plaque

- Plaque hung on wall in Village Board Room (may need to be lowered for ease of reading)
- Adrienne sent story and photo to The Sun for inclusion into their paper.

Recycling Totes

- The new totes program is to be rolled-out this September (may first start with businesses)
- It is believed the totes will be 95 gal trash / 65 gal recycling; this is the reverse of what this commission recommended

Bats

- Bat houses may be a project for boy scouts to build/erect at the Bird Sanctuary
- Bat houses are more often used by bats if bat guano is in house

Healthy Neighborhoods Corridor Project

- Adrienne, Tom Stu and Andy went door-to-door along the phase 1 project corridor to inform property owner's about the project and dispel any myths
- Tree requests were obtained (if desired by the property owner)
- All properties along the corridor were contacted (a project informational letter was left if there was no answer at the door)
- The project is to remove/replace 10 trees; 12 potential tree requests/locations were obtained

Next regularly scheduled meeting - Wednesday, August 10, 2016 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Schrauth