

VILLAGE OF HAMBURG ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, April 8, 2015; 7:00 PM

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

PRESENT: Commission Members: Chair - Adrienne Punturiero; Tom Collins, Edwin Drabek, Andy Schrauth, Danielle Zientek
Village Board Liaison: Mark Colmeraurer

EXCUSED: Tim McDonald, Dan Riker, Stuart Wheaton

Trees

- Andy and Ed will determine the appropriate trees to plant where needed/requested and order soon
 - Tom and Andy will mark planting spots this weekend and notify DPW
- Ed has notified the DPW of a very hazardous tree on western end of Woodview Park

Town/Village Clean-up

- May 2, 2015:
 - Adrienne will sign group in at Town Hall at 8:30 a.m. and pick up gloves, trash bags, etc.
 - Meet in the northwest corner of the municipal lot (near Union St. entrance)

Overlook/Bird Sanctuary Projects

- Bird Sanctuary:
 - Clean-up/plantings, etc.
 - May 9, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to noon
 - Other groups should be contacted right away to enlist more volunteers (i.e. Beautification Committee, etc.)
 - Need to know right-of-way
 - Will need shovels, rakes, etc.
 - Andy suggested bare root shrubs to line the entry path; need 1 ½' depth
 - Crushed stone was suggested (instead of pea gravel previously discussed) for entry path and area around bike rack and kiosk
 - Danielle will check into donations; needs to know volume
 - Focus on plantings and spreading stone for now - hold off on spreading mulch on trails
 - Mark will check with stone/pavement suppliers for donations of large, flat rocks in lieu of the benches that had been destroyed
 - Article in The Sun should be printed soon
 - Gerry Rising of the Buffalo News is doing research for article; requests info
 - Danielle has contact number for DEC "bird lady"; will call
 - Sign needs refurbishing or replacement
 - Imagine: Hamburg was mentioned as a possible project source

- Foot bridge from Overlook to Bird Sanctuary:
 - Awaiting word from Erie County DPW regarding approximate cost and possible field trip to view one or more existing bridges
 - Andy contacted UB regarding student design/build project; not interested
 - Danielle will contact contractors
 - Mark spoke to Paul Becker of the Trail Task Force and he was agreeable to a possible connection
 - Stuart emailed prior to meeting that there is some interest from ECC's Dept. of Technology; current director has pedestrian bridge design experience
 - need to forward any available preliminary site information to them

Village Recycling

- Business Recycling:
 - Adrienne emailed a trial run of Survey Monkey to group; will review the process more closely
 - Mark confirmed with DPW that collection of recyclables at Village Square, etc., is possible
- Festivals:
 - Adrienne spoke to Mayor Moses – no problem recycling at Burger Fest
 - Burger Fest coordinator requested Adrienne's attendance at their meeting
 - awaiting response from DPW after they do more research on feasibility

Member Bios for Village Website

- Reminder to complete

Miscellaneous

- Solar Panels on village municipal buildings:
 - Mark contacted Don Witkowski, Village Administrator; requested a rundown of electric bills
 - Mark will then contact solar facility to get prices

Next regularly scheduled meeting - Wednesday, June 10, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: NO MAY MEETING

(Town/Village Clean-up and Bird Sanctuary work in lieu of meeting)

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Punturiero