

VILLAGE OF HAMBURG ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, January 13, 2016; 7:00 PM

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

Present: Commission Members: Chair - Adrienne Punturiero, Stuart Wheaton Tom Collins, Andy Schrauth, **Village Board Liaison:** Mark Colmerauer

Excused: Danielle Zientek, , Edwin Drabek, Tim McDonald

Visitor: *Brendon Hoskin, (Frontier High School Senior)*

Spring Street Tree Planting

- Four new requests for trees
- Andy and Tom to organize planting
- Residents have raised questions over recent tree removals; these removals are following the recommendations from the tree survey
- Andy to prepare text explaining reason for tree removal and ability for residents to obtain a replacement tree to be planted in its place after stump has degraded or nearby
- Mark has asked the DPW for a digital copy of the current street tree spreadsheet (suggestion that every February the DPW should supply the Environmental Commission with the current street tree spreadsheet)

Parks

- There is a need for additional trash receptacles in Woodview Park
- A resident has expressed interest in planting a memorial tree in Memorial Park; tree should conform with parks program/image

Totes

- Village will be completing a Tote Program Trial Sample Survey
- Select Village workers (those in DPW, Rec. Department, Committees, etc.) received test rollout of totes; 1 - 95 gal. for rubbish and 1 - 65 gal. for recycling (with yellow lid)
- Village will get feedback from users to determine the best size of totes for final implementation
- In some communities, tote usage has reduced rat population by about 70%

Overlook/Bird Sanctuary

- Possible Commission field trips to view bridges (private Springville property and Penn Dixie) for reference regarding potential bridge over creek to Bird Sanctuary
- Adrienne has a possible contact for a bird sanctuary steward (oversee maintenance/improvements)
- Committee will work on obtaining 'sitting' boulders this spring

Erie County Environmental Excellence Awards Program

- Applications due March 1st
- Award recognizes exceptional projects carried out by municipal and non-profit organizations in Erie County that stand to have a significant and lasting positive impact on the natural environment
- Suggestion we put forth our Tree Management Plan
- Adrienne to coordinate award application

Village Website

- The tree management plan should be placed on the web site
- There is no information about our Commission on the web site - looks unfinished
- Stu to put together information for website regarding "what we do"
- Andy to send Stu village code regarding 'powers and duties' of Commission

Solar Panels

- Mark still working on getting utility information from Village departments to send to solar panel company for them to see if viable

Note: on-course for next round of grants regarding Tree Management Plan

Next regularly scheduled meeting - Wednesday, February 9, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Schrauth