

## VILLAGE OF HAMBURG ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, February 10, 2016; 7:00 PM

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

**Present:**        **Commission Members:** Chair - Adrienne Punturiero, Tim McDonald, Andy Schrauth,  
**Village Board Liaison:** Mark Colmerauer

**Excused:**        Danielle Zientek, , Edwin Drabek, Stuart Wheaton Tom Collins

**Visitor:** Mark Mol, Environmental Scientist (interested in the Commission)

### Erie County Environmental Excellence Awards Program

- Adrienne to complete the application with the Tree Management Plan for the award; she will contact members if she needs input
- Award submission is due March 1, 2016

### Village Website

- Members with information pertaining to this Commission which is to be posted on the Village's website should email it to Joanne Erickson (jerickson@villagehamburg.com) and cc Mark Colmerauer (mcolmerauer@cscos.com)
- Adrienne to update Envir. Cons. Commission "page" on Village's website
- Resources posted on the Envir. Cons. Commission "page" (includes an up-to-date ITree spreadsheet of the tree survey)
  - Meeting Minutes
  - Map of Village Parks
  - Village of Hamburg Tree Management Plan
  - Village of Hamburg Tree Inventory
  - Proper Tree Mulching
  - Environmental Conservation Commission - Recycling There Is More That Can Be Done

### Bird Sanctuary

- March 12th is tentative date for Commission field trips to view bridges (private Springville property and Penn Dixie)
- The status of articles about bird sanctuary in Buffalo News and The Hamburg Sun is unknown
- Potential bridge over creek may be tied into the Village trail plans
- Potential to use monies from tree planting budget to
  - obtain 'sitting' boulders to place along trails
  - obtain milkweed plants to plant in meadow to aid Monarch Butterflies

### Rubbish & Totes Program

- Public area in Village (region of Lake/Pierce/Main to Village Hall) in need of trash/recycling receptacles
- Intersection of Lake and Highland also good spot for receptacles
- Noted people are not picking up dog feces and leaving dog feces bags on Main Street sidewalks
- Noted dumpster at 7/11 Convenience Store is often open with strewn garbage around it; this is in conflict with the Village's dumpster ordinance
- Members offered feedback from Tote Program Trial Sample

- 95 gal trash tote was too big for 1-2 person households, but may need for larger families - did not need that much capacity and may be arduous for some people to store the large receptacle and/or to move around once full
- Recycling tote (65 gal.) should be bigger
- Totes Program scheduled to be rolled out in month of June 2016
- Recommend Village purchase additional totes (rubbish & recycling) for use with Village festivals and events
- There is a need to push businesses to recycle; is Survey Monkey a viable tool to do this?
- Potential to connect people doing demolition projects in the Village with Buffalo Re-use, instead of materials going into dumpsters

#### Spring Street Tree Planting

- Where possible, trees are to be planted to replace recently removed street trees

#### 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

#### Brook Channel, Forest Glen

- Work needed on the channel (dredging, etc.) due to increased flooding
- Potential for trail alongside channel; one that is "natural" and "floodable"
- Potential to link with village sidewalks and bike trails
- May be ways for Envir. Cons. Commission to help with project in future

Comments: a 'sink hole' located along Eighteen Mile Creek near old water treatment plant is a hazard and needs filling; Marc Shuttleworth should be notified

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

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Schrauth