

## VILLAGE OF HAMBURG ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### *MINUTES OF MEETING*

*Wednesday, June 8, 2016; 7:00 PM*

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

**Present:** Commission Members: Chair - Adrienne Punturiero, Edwin Drabek, Tom Collins, Andy Schrauth  
**Guest:** Logan Bessel (Graduate Student & Engineer at C&S Companies)  
**Excused:** Mark Mol (member-in-waiting), Stuart Wheaton  
**Absent:** Danielle Zientek, Tim McDonald

### Bridge over Eighteen Mile Creek

- Pre-fab bridge is the most economical choice (pedestrian bridges near UB are this type)
- Members visited Penn Dixie on April 23rd to view bridge: ~25' long, 6' wide, steel beams w/ wood plank top and railings
- Logan Bessel is working toward a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering and would like a 'real world' project for his thesis. He will need a letter of intent from the Village to give to his advisors regarding the project.
- Project would be a study with preliminary engineering exercise and layout of environmental and other hurdles to implement a bridge over the creek. It would look at the feasibility of different basic conceptual styles of bridges for implementation; one being chosen to more fully analyze (drawing layout, approval process, costs, materials, etc.)
- Analyses would flush out any potential resources to help implement the bridge (i.e. funding sources, partners, etc.)
- Logan will send us draft letter of intent for us to review/revise
- Adrienne to supply Logan with any Village background information regarding bridge over creek and contact Mary McKee regarding this project

### Need for Park Master Plan

- Discussed need for Village Parks Master Plan to better understand tree needs for park spaces (need to know future needs/developments/programs/plans of parks to ascertain appropriate tree planting locations to coordinate with plans)

### Volcano Mulching

- Adrienne contacted Benderson Development regarding volcano mulching of trees at their property at the corner of Pine And Buffalo Streets. Their response was "that's been taken care of".
- The Town of Hamburg also mulches their trees in this detrimental fashion
- The street trees in the devel strip beside the Yogurt business are also mulched incorrectly

### Erie County Environmental Award Plaque

- We need to determine a place in the board room to hang the plaque

### Recycling Totes

- May not distribute the new totes this month
- They should be out in place at every Village event/festival
- Existing trash/recycling units installed during Route 62 / Buffalo St reconstruction project look awful and should be removed

### 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

### Spring Tree Planting

- Village planted eight street trees via our Commission; did not plant all requested trees due to procurement dollar limit above which is the requirement to obtain three bids
- Fall planting needed to address above unplanted trees; there are nine potential tree requests already
- Also coordinated planting of five 'underwire' trees donated by NYSEC
- Schichtels donated three trees: an American Beech - Mark Colmerauer's Memorial Tree, a Crimson King Norway Maple and Baumanii Horse Chestnut - both planted in Glen Meadows Park with location assistance from our Committee

### Mark Colmerauer Memorial Trees

- As noted above, an American Beech was planted in Memorial Park in memory of Mark Colmerauer
- Discussed possible tree varieties for tree in Bird Sanctuary Meadow
  - Sweet Gum (Liquidambar styraciflua)
  - Sour Gum or Black Tupelo (Nyssa sylvatica)
  - Honey Locust (Gleditsia triacanthos f. inermis)
  - River Birch (Betula nigra)
  - Yellow Birch (Betula alleghaniensis)

*Next regularly scheduled meeting - Wednesday, July 13, 2016, 7:00 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Schrauth