

# VILLAGE OF HAMBURG ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, June 14, 2017; 7:00 PM

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

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

**Absent:** Mark Mol, Tim McDonald

**Guests:** Paul Becker, Special Project Coordinator  
Sophie Kosich, Girl Scout  
Lucas Biniewski, Boy Scout

### Bird Sanctuary

- Sophie & Lucas are interested in working on their own project for the Scouts at the bird sanctuary
  - Discussed potential projects: put up bird houses/replace or clean existing, clear/mark trails, spray paint bike rack, pick-up trash, set up geocaches, update trailhead information and structure, provide laminated trail/park information brochures for users
  - Lucas was planning on doing his project nearer the end of summer; Sophia - all summer long
- ACTION: Adrienne to email DPW & Parks Departments of the Scout projects
- Lucas and Sophia to coordinate with each other and Adrienne
  - Two bat houses to be put up at the park , as well

### Update from Paul Becker

- Potential bridge across to bird sanctuary is a good candidate for State funding; LaBella Associates (currently working on two Village project sites) put memo together for next round of State funding applications thru EPA fund
- Palace Theater may be able to be upgraded (as it is an anchor on the street) thru the Main Street Grant Program; up to \$500K is possible
- There is the possibility of a TAP Grant to help for trails to/from potential bridge across to bird sanctuary

### Clean Energy Community Program

- ACTION: Andy to contact Teresa Bosch de Celis or Bart Roberts (UB Regional Institute staff) regarding if NYSERDA will allow Village to qualify for two Action Items involving shared responsibilities with the Town; also coordinate transfer of Village building information to them so they may generate matrices

### Erie County Environmental Management Council

- Adrienne received an award for her years of service representing the Village on the Council
- Andy to take over for Adrienne on the Council starting in June

### Healthy Neighborhoods Corridor Project

ACTION: Andy to contact Wendel regarding Village street trees to be put in during the Healthy Neighborhoods Corridor Project

### Street Tree Fall Planting

- Currently, eight tree requests received for the fall planting
- Resident unhappy with tree variety planted this past spring; wants a different tree
- Andy and Tom to prune recently planted street trees again, sometime in the next months

### Lecture: Why City Trees Are Essential

- Andy attended an Olmsted-Educational Lecture on Urban Forests and Climate Change by David J. Nowak, Senior Scientist and Team Leader with the USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station in Syracuse; A few of the items discussed follows:
  - Erie County is classified as 'urban' having 25.1-100% urban land
  - Urban trees provide innumerable annual ecosystem services that affect the local physical environment (such as air and water quality) and the social environment (such as individual and community well-being)
  - These services can positively influence urban quality of life but also have various costs
  - By improving the environment, trees contribute to increased property values, sales by businesses, and employment

### Parks

- ACTION: Mark DiPasquale inquire about a Parks & Recreation Master Plan with Parks & Recreation Commission and Supervisor Josh Haeick
- Noticed volcano mulching at Memorial Park and on street trees by Yotality

### Trash Receptacles

- Farmer's Market has only trash receptacle; it needs recycling receptacles/totes
- Also need to have recycling at Burger Fest
- Marc Shuttleworth reviewed potential garbage container locations; ACTION: Adrienne to email him our discussed need for receptacles on certain streets/locations and type of container
- Regarding dog waste bags, we are to put together a proposal considering:
  - what is the product (dog bag receptacle, biodegradable bags, advertisements on receptacle/bags)
  - locations (where we suggest they be placed)
  - estimated costs
  - how attached to what objects along the streetscape (separate posts or to existing poles)
  - specifications and images of products
- ACTION: Adrienne to do this and email to Mark DiPasquale

### Environmental Commission

- has no budget
- In the past it was understood there was generally \$10,000 allocated to this commission, yearly (even though only a portion was used for obtaining street trees with the remaining being reabsorbed into other funds/departments)

**NOTE: No meeting in July**

*Next regularly scheduled meeting - Wednesday, August 9, 2017, 7:00 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Schrauth