

## VILLAGE OF HAMBURG ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### *MINUTES OF MEETING*

*Thursday, January 22, 2015; 7:00 PM*

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

**Present:**        **Commission Members:** Chair - Adrienne Punturiero; Edwin Drabek, Tom Collins, Tim McDonald, Andy Schrauth  
**Village Board Liaison:** Mark Colmerauer

**Excused:**        Dan Riker, Stuart Wheaton

### **Tree Management Plan:**

- The plan has been adopted by the Village Board
- Andy Schrauth to email Dennis Bacon (DPW tree database manager) and copy Mark Colmerauer the known corrections to the tree survey

### **Spring 2015 Tree Planting:**

- Currently have about \$10K budgeted for the spring planting
- Andy Schrauth to speak with Marc Shuttleworth regarding formalizing tree planting process to limit errors
- Need to replace dead tree on Huron Street and dead pine tree in Woodview Park
- In Woodview Park there is a silver maple with potential structural issues (growing on west side of the park)

### **Overlook/Bird Sanctuary Projects:**

- Foot bridge across creek at Overlook
  - Stuart Wheaton will inform commission of other bridges in the county
  - Andy Schrauth to contact the University of Buffalo regarding student design/build project
- Spring clean-up projects may include:
  - plantings alongside entry path
  - pea gravel or mulch for entry path (Mark Colmerauer to speak with Marc Shuttleworth regarding this)
  - locate bat houses there (Stuart Wheaton to look into this)
  - Master Plan for a comprehensive trail system
  - Boulders for replacing destroyed stone benches (potential for donor plaques)
  - Find group to act as stewards and oversee the park (Adrienne Punturiero to contact the birder who writes articles in the Buffalo News about this and also write article in The Sun)

### **Solar Panels on Village Municipal Buildings:**

- Federal funding for locating solar panels on Village owned buildings is available now, but expires at the end of 2016
- May be cost effective with incentives and given some companies guarantee 'net zero' installation

### **Getting Village Businesses to Recycle:**

Adrienne Punturiero to speak with VBAC about getting the opinions of Village businesses regarding recycling utilizing - utilizing Survey Monkey to do this was suggested

**Garbage Totes:**

The funding of the grant has not yet been awarded

**Environmental Commission:**

Andy Schrauth to draft letter to Village Board and Administrator regarding utilizing this commission's resources for issues that arise in the village (i.e. tree planting, tree structural/removal issues, and other landscape issues)

**Village Web Site:**

Environmental Commission Members need to submit a bio to Mark Colmerauer for eventual posting on the web site.

*Next regularly scheduled meeting - Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 7:00 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Schrauth