

VILLAGE OF HAMBURG ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday, August 2, 2016; 7:00 PM

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

Present: **Commission Members:** Chair - Adrienne Punturiero, Edwin Drabek, Stuart Wheaton,
Tom Collins, Mark Mol, Andy Schrauth
Absent: Tim McDonald
Guest: Logan Bessel

Bridge over Eighteen Mile Creek

- Logan described his work to date and the Committee discussed and asked questions
- Bridge designed to be two feet above the 50-year flood level
- The bridge location is east of the end of the trail from the overlook for our development purposes, but the bridge could be located at any location along the creek bend
- Trails Commission to consider "Taylor Road Loop" to best consolidate the plans of both Commissions into one plan
- Ramps for the bridge could be made out of any material (i.e. soil wood, concrete, steel) - concrete and steel would be the most expensive
- Estimating \$750k to \$1 million for construction and \$10k for engineering
- Need to define bridge structure - considering three types (beam-slab, timber arch and box truss)
- Need to define bridge width as 8' (pedestrian standard) or 12' (desirable for shared use)
- Major concerns are if it is deemed a federal wetland, if there are any endangered species in the area, the creek was recently designated as an inland waterway, if it is a trout stream (which would have time constrictions on when construction could take place) and the permitting process

Environmental Commission

- Danielle Zientek has resigned from the Commission; She was a powerhouse of new ideas and energy. We thank her for all her help!
- Mark Mol is to be formally inducted into the Commission on August 15th. **We officially welcome Mark and look forward to his contributions.**
- The Commission is operating without a liaison to the Board until Mark Colmerauer's vacancy is filled.

Environmental Commission Facebook Page

- Mark Mol is working on the development of the page
- Adrienne is to review the page and give him comments
- The recent Erie County Environmental Award for the Village of Hamburg's Tree Management Plan is to be posted to the Facebook page

Mark Colmerauer Memorial

- Adrienne to research what text to place on the plaque
- Stu to research what is the standard for plaques in the Village Parks - he will look at existing plaques at Memorial and Centennial Parks
- Considering a 10"x12" plaque
- Stu to ask plaque supplier what are their recommendations for number of lettering on the plaque
- Planning on a Fall dedication; after Labor Day

Fall Tree Planting

- Andy to find out if Schichtel's Nursery donated two trees for the Colmerauer memorials
- Obtain Sweet Gum tree for Mark Colmerauer memorial tree in the meadow at the bird sanctuary
- Fall tree planting to include those trees not planted last spring due to the budget constraint

Next regularly scheduled meeting - Wednesday, September 14, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andrew Schrauth", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Andrew Schrauth