

VILLAGE OF HAMBURG ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, November 9, 2016; 7:00 PM

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

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

New Liaison to Environmental Commission

- Acknowledgement of Mark DiPasquale, Village Board, as the liaison to our commission and look forward to his participation

Mark Colmerauer Memorial Ceremonies

- Memorial Park ceremony was attended by well over 100 people
- Bird Sanctuary ceremony was attended by about 50 people; many of them being their first time there; some offered their help at our next 'work day'
- Members had decided to pitch in and get the Mark Colmerauer bird sanctuary tree plaque; Tim purchased/supplied the memorial plaque and granite base; members reimbursed him
- Many people at the ceremonies were wearing Mark Colmerauer T-shirts / sweat shirts purchased in support of a scholarship fund

Bridge over Eighteen Mile Creek

- Logan Bessel anticipates completing the study by the end of November
- This commission is welcome to attend his presentation of the study at Univ. of Buffalo
- There may need to be a December meeting of this commission to review Logan's work
- In the next year, we will need to determine next steps for the project (such as fund raising, grants, etc.)

Bird Sanctuary

- Tim McDonald acquired a bat house that is to be hung on a tree trunk in the sanctuary
- Mark Mol still is to look into using asphalt millings for trails
- Need a group to oversee the sanctuary area; ACTION: Adrienne Punturiero to contact Tiff Nature Preserve to inquire if they would be aware of who may be willing to do this
- Environmental Commission member was approached with the idea of erecting a welcome arch at the sanctuary entrance (noted this may not be practical as large maintenance equipment, at certain times, may need to access the sanctuary)

Totes / Recycling

- Village gives warning notices if not following rules (i.e. having recyclables in a plastic bag)
- Noted placement of totes should be reverse of what instructions stated (i.e. handles should be placed street side [not sidewalk side] for ease of workers to grab totes); Village should re-notify residents of this
- Commented seeing many businesses are using totes

Street Tree Planting

- ACTION: Andy, in the future, copy Chris Podpora (DPW) with tree planting matrix to avoid errors with communication of tree planting information

Next meeting - potentially in December 2016 - Adrienne will inform members

Respectfully submitted,

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

Andrew Schrauth