

Village of Hamburg Environmental Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, March 7, 2023
Hamburg Village Hall, 100 Main St., Hamburg, NY 14075

Present: Commission Members: Village Board Liaison - Holly Park, Chair- Adrienne Punturiero, Andy Schrauth, Kim Bourke, Kathryn Walsh, Stuart Wheaton

Excused: Mary Mack, Mike Reilly

*Secretary, Kim Bourke, phoned into the meeting

Climate Smart Communities Initiative

- ACTION: Andy made edits to the Natural Resources Inventory document and will send out the more finalized document after the meeting
- We, as a group, need to begin working on Climate Education in the community
- Does the CSC grant money need to be used to continue on the CSC journey, or can it be used for other things?

Budget

- The Commission has \$3,000 to spend
- We will be buying two (2) trash can liners, if needed. Jason Cozza will order them.
- The Bird Sanctuary main kiosk fell down, can this be a scout project, or will we need to replace/repair it

Tom Collins Memorial

- Stu contacted Tom's family, and they approved the baseball themed proof of the plaque
 - Plaque will cost around \$350, this quote is from many months ago
- Family has requested a Red Maple be planted in Tom's honor in Memorial park
- ACTION: Andy will figure out the tree details: when it will be ordered, who will order it, who is paying for it, hopefully to be planted in Spring 2023

Nature Play Area

- Many trees down in the sanctuary, can we start to gather them into a spot and make a natural play area?
- Kathryn's scout troop is placing fairy doors throughout the sanctuary

Bridge

- We should try to come up with an elevator pitch for the bridge to be able to easily communicate with grand funders
- ACTION: Kathryn's husband can potentially get drone pictures, so Andy can make images of where the bridge will be located, and what it may look like
- Ralph C Wilson JR legacy funds may be a good place to start for grant money. Applications are due in the fall each year

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- Kathryn presented to the Village Board on 03/06/2023, and they seemed tentatively on board
- ACTION: Holly and Kathryn will put together a plan/document to take to the board for them to approve

Tree Sculpture

- Carving artists will be completing the sculpture the weekend of June 17th
- Cost for carving is \$2000, Adrienne will have Jason Cozza sign off on the expenditure

- Artists will be bringing a 30' trailer, we need to figure out if they can part on the road and run their generator on site

Sesquicentennial

- Our group should have some input in this celebration, something environmental, we should come up with ideas
- Celebration will take place summer 2024

Next meeting date: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at Hamburg Village Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Bourke