

Village of Hamburg Environmental Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, April 12, 2023
Hamburg Village Hall, 100 Main St., Hamburg, NY 14075

Present: Chair- Adrienne Punturiero, Gerry Stockmeyer, Mike Reilly, Kathryn Walsh, Kim Bourke, Stu Wheaton, Andy Schrauth

Excused: Village Liaison - Holly Park

Absent: n/a

Guests: Matt Bourke

General Notes:

- Adrienne is going to be interviewed soon by Kayla Green (Village Social Media coordinator) about the Commission and our Earth Day movie event!

Solar/ Climate Smart Communities (CSC)

- Matt Bourke, from the Climate Smart subcommittee updated us on the progress of their group:
 - The Solar Task Force met on April 5, 2024. They are hoping to do an official press release about the Solar Campaign on April 19, 2024, and will do an official “Kick-Off” at the Lorax Movie event on April 27, 2024
 - The group has received marketing materials from Power Market (the Company running the Solar Campaign)
 - The group will plan to table at events throughout the spring and summer to hopefully bring awareness to the campaign, get residents to sign up, and earn some grant money for the Village

Bridge

- Village was awarded \$50,000 from the Ralph C. Wilson Legacy funds administered by the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo
- RFP to hire contractors to conduct the feasibility study is being written

Logo

- Commission logo is finalized, and has been approved by the Village Board
- Our commission would like to have it printed on a table cloth so we will be able to table at events and gain some recognition in the community

ACTION: Kat will work on figuring out what tablecloth we will order, Kim will work with Jason Cozza to purchase said tablecloth

Earth Day Movie Event

- We would like to allow visitors to the event to sign up for the County's "Healthy Lawns Initiative" right at the event, do we need a laptop and a wifi hot-spot to make this happen?
- Our Commission table will have on it:
 - Village Trees poster board
 - Document describing what our group does
 - Stickers
 - Joyce Fanning's postcard about not spraying lawns
 - A coloring page from the Arbor Day Foundation
 - Other environmental-related material
 - Native seeds?!

ACTION:

1. Kat will ask the Palace owner if we need any special set up to access wifi at the theater (Andy can bring a hot-spot if so).
2. Kat will contact the WNY Native Plant Collaborative and see if they have any seeds they are willing to donate for our table

Re-Tree:

- We need to order 5-10 more tree gaiters for the spring Re-Tree planting campaign

Sesquicentennial:

- We need Josh Haeick's permission to have the DPW plant the Bur Oak the Commission is donating for the Sesquicentennial in Glen Meadow's Park
 - We need to order the plaque for the tree ASAP. Plaque will say something to the effect of "This Bur Oak planted for the Village Sesquicentennial by the Environmental Conservation Commission. 2024"

ACTION:

1. Kim will talk to Josh and Marc Shuttleworth about getting approval for, and coordinating the planting of the Bur Oak in Glen Meadows Park
2. Stu will contact the plaque company about getting the plaque made

Village Trees

- Spring trees have been ordered
- 22 stakes are in the ground marking out where trees will be planted

Bird Sanctuary

- Stu spoke with his Eagle Scout connection who is still interested in a project in the Bird Sanctuary, he will be joining us at our next meeting to discuss potential project ideas. Some projects our group has thought of include

- A new Kiosk
- Making and using Invasive plant removal tools
- Redoing the bike rack or other metal structures in the sanctuary and around the Village
- A scout group worked in a small section of the Sanctuary at the end of March and cut a portion of honeysuckle and Chinese Privet to help reduce the coverage of these invasive species
- We would like to get permission from the DPW to go trim the shrubby plants growing on the north bank of the creek (below the Overlook)
- The resolution to make the Bird Sanctuary, and the plot of land across the creek from it (on S. Buffalo Street) into a protected park will be on the next Village Board meeting agenda.

ACTION: Holly will talk to Marc Shuttleworth about getting permission to trim the shrubby growth on the north bank of the creek

Next meeting date: **Tuesday, May 7, 2024** at Village Hall, 100 Main St. Hamburg, NY 14075

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Bourke