

PRESENT: Don Buckley, Chairman
Jason Keding
Mike Monin
Sharon Stuart

ABSENT: Jeffery Szudzik

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Johnson Prospective member

MINUTES

There was no motion at this meeting to approve the minutes of August 20, 2013.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Resignation letter from Richard Lee
- Received request for appointment from Scott Johnson

Mr. Buckley: Is there anything that you would like to ask about the mandates of what we do?

Mr. Johnson: Jason has given me a pretty good break down of what the Council is all about. I'm definitely interested. I've never been on anything like this so if there is any insight on what to expect.

Mr. Buckley: We try to take advantage of programs that come across our desk that we can do something with within the Town. Obviously there are a lot of things that come in such measuring trees, Emerald Ash Borer. That's a good portion of things that come our desk and make sure they go to the right Town department if it's something they can use, or if we can take advantage of it to educate or to benefit the Town. One of the programs that came from Supervisor Ballowe was the soil erosion plantings which in part was brought to me through Conservation Advisory Council and partly to organize through the Boy Scouts.

Our Fishing Derby and Environmental Awareness Day activities are to get the younger generation to have a tie and get interested in the Town.

Do you have any questions?

Mr. Monin: I'll make a motion to recommend appointment of Scott to the C.A.C.

Mr. Keding: I'll second.

All were in favor of the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

Scenic By-Ways Update

Mr. Buckley: I have seen some signs around, but not the official one that is supposed to be in front of the Town Hall

Environmental Awareness Day

Mr. Buckley: The summary is not complete yet. I think that there were about 60 kids even with the bad weather. I will put together a summary for referral to next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Monin: Are we going to having meeting the next two months?

Mr. Buckley: We have taken off in December, it kind of depends on what is going on. We will meet next month and determine then if we need to meet again before the end of the year.

ERIE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Mr. Monin reported:

- Speaker Joe Fiegl, Deputy Commissioner for Erie County Division of Sewage Management
 - How to take care of water from our homes
 - Wastewater from the City of Buffalo and the drain from the streets all gets put into one pipe and then has to be cleaned
 - We do not have this problem out here – there is one pipe for the drainage of rainwater and one for the waste
 - Erie County got a D- in 2011 upgraded to a D in 2012
 - Discussion also included closing of parks
 - Formerly there were 52 waste treatment plants, part of these were small towns treating their own waste and like what happened in Blasdell the equipment not large enough to handle all the waste, casing an explosion and going onto Woodlawn Beach
 - Now down to 22 in Erie County
 - Talked about progress that has been made
 - Talked about concepts that should be implemented
 - Expenses are being incurred by the taxpayer
 - Smaller towns going after grant money, it's no longer there; and so the larger municipalities taking care of this is a good thing
- Each speaker and their group have their agendas
- Next meeting a speaker will be from the Parks Department
 - They will be asking for the extra monies to go to the parks
- Met a gentleman who arranges hazardous waste pick-up
 - Batteries, paint
 - Need some to spearhead this possibly in the springtime
 - This guy was big on education – educate the people
- They reported that 25% of bridges in New York State are safe.

Discussion turned to tire collection / disposal; and many other environmental issues that plague Erie County and Western New York.

Mr. Buckley: Is there any further business for this evening?

Mr. Buckley: I'll make a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Monin: I'll second it.

All were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Thelma Faulring
Secretary to the Boards and Committees