



Niagara Re-licensing Environmental Coalition

NREC Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2016 at Riverkeeper Headquarters, 721 Main Street, Buffalo

Present: Kerrie Gallo (River Keeper), Joe Gould (River Keeper), Larry Beahan (Sierra), Jajeane Rose (WNY Land Conservancy), Ann Ingleman (LWVBN), John Jarosz (Niagara Muskie Association) and Donald Houck (WNY Presbytery)

Minutes of Nov 17, 2015 were accepted (With the spelling of Kerrie Gallo and John Jarosz's names corrected.)

January Action item review:

Joe will make this suggestion to the Greenway Commissioners at their March 15 meeting: When the Commission sends a response regarding whether a proposal is consistent with the Greenway Plan or not include, in writing, the comments and suggestions that are voiced during the proposal's presentation.

Treasurer The Community Foundation reported our first quarter fund balance to be \$527,362.29.

Ann commented that this was in line with current poor market performance.

New Business

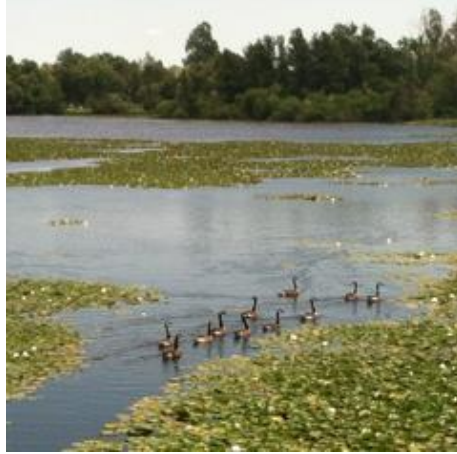
Website, Action 1 Joe will arrange for periodic emails to NREC member organizations when new information is published on our website. The organizations may, in turn, forward these alerts to their memberships to let them know what we are doing.

We agreed that member organizations may publish material, generally relevant to our mission, on our website. Such material should be sent to Joe for vetting and publication.

Greenway Commission Proposals,

1. The Sanborn Historical Society Parking lot, a large, barren impervious surface, is Not Ecologically Consistent with the Greenway Plan. It should be resubmitted with an environmentally sound design. [Sanborn Area Historical Society Greenway Parking Lot Project 2016 Complete.pdf](#)
2. The Art Park programming request will bring many people to the Greenway and keep them engaged there for. It is Consistent with the Greenway Plan. [Lewiston Art Park Greenway 2016 Application.pdf](#)

Chair Report
Greenway Environmental Standing Committee (GESC) meeting



1. Kerrie reviewed the Olmstead Park request for \$82,000 to finish planning the rehabilitation of South Park Lake. This is a joint project with the Army Corps of Engineers. Unfortunately, no representative from the Corps was available so there was insufficient information to rule on the project.
2. Kerrie was confirmed as co-chair of the GESC. She will work toward developing a more functional protocol and a stream of better thought-out proposals.
3. The day-long meeting dealt with reports and proposals including Sturgeon in the lowe Niagara, Black Alder containment, Emerald Shiner studies, WNY Land Conservancy policy, HERF (Habitat Environmental Rehabilitation Fund) definition and mission.

December 2015 Greenway Commission Meeting

Joe attended this meeting and took the opportunity to speak privately with Commissioners Greg Stevens and Sam Magavern, Greg is working to find funds to hire a Greenway Commission Executive Director. Sam is holding a meeting of his Greenway Citizens Contact Committee Joe will be there to talk encourage more communication with the public.

New Business:

New York Power Authority representative Steve Schoenweisner asked Kerrie to arrange for action on \$200,000 in the Greenway settlement that specifically targeted rehabilitation of Cayuga Creek. NREC and several other entities that are parties to the settlement were named in connection with this allotment.

Motion by Don seconded by Larry: Kerrie to convene the entities named in the settlement and implement a plan for Cayuga Creek rehabilitation.

Next Meeting

Tuesday May 10, 2016, 9 AM at Riverkeeper Headquarters, 721 Main Street, Buffalo.

Larry Beahan, Secretary NREC