

## CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

August 12, 2015

PRESENT: Jason Keding Chairman  
Scott Johnson  
Sharon Stuart

ABSENT: Don Buckley  
Jeff Szudzik

ALSO Thelma Faulring Secretary to Boards and Committees  
PRESENT: Jillian Keding Future CAC member

Mr. Keding called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

### MINUTES

Mr. Keding asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of June 10, 2015, being none Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Stuart and carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE

- August edition 'The Conservationist' received and mailed to the Boston Library
- Budget request for 2016 received and mailed to Mr. Szudzik and Mr. Keding

Mr. Keding suggested keeping the budget for 2016 as it was in 2015

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Szudzik was not in attendance this evening.

Mr. Keding: I received an e-mail from Jeff after our last meeting and he referred me to Bookkeeper Kathy Selby; she gave me a brief overview of the budget process. Jeff is not certain if he is going to be able to continue as an active member of the CAC. His work schedule has changed and at this time doesn't allow him to attend meetings. He wants to help out with our activities when possible. He will have to send a letter of resignation if he can't attend meetings; and so we will need someone to take over Finance responsibilities when that occurs.

### ERIE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Mr. Keding reported

- Has been really quiet
- Not many e-mails from Bonnie
- Planning to sell rain barrels and compost bins
- They're taking a summer recess
- I will forward e-mails as they come in, probably will start in the next couple of weeks

### LIAISON – COUNCILMAN VARA

Not in attendance this evening.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### CAC Membership solicitation

Mr. Keding: I've been soliciting a lot in my campaigning, knocking on doors, attending events; trying to get my name out there in addition to getting attention for this group; unfortunately I have not had any luck in getting individuals to show interest. If Jeff has to resign there will just be the four of us until we find additional members. So we just have to continue soliciting and see what we come up with.

#### Environmental Awareness Day

Mr. Keding reported:

- I sent e-mails to all members with my thoughts on cancelling this event
- Erie County Soil and Water were on board and they backed out
- The Flopper Hoppers, Hawks' Creek which would be our main draw and we had two other small groups
- I personally couldn't see putting on an event with 4 groups
- It's not really my decision officially so I will throw it on the table

Mr. Keding: My motion will be to essentially cancel the Environmental Awareness Day for 2015 due to the lack of vendor participation.

Mr. Johnson: Agreed. Second

All were in favor of the motion.

Mr. Keding: I'll continue to push and brainstorm; we had a pretty good session last year. There are a lot of different options one of them is to 're-brand' it, get a different name to gain interest. Once school is back in session I will reach out Jim Martinez, the principal and see if there is anything we can do there, but I don't want to cross any lines and step where I shouldn't, but see if we come up with something that they could promote it; it's kids that are going to be attending. Newsletters, Boston Valley webpage. A lot of these vendors said that they were busy.

Discussion turned to recycling.

- What can we throw in the garbage, what should we put in recycle bins?
- That is something we think about incorporating with this event.
- Tires? Batteries? Appliances? Small hand appliances? E-Waste?
- Lowe's use to take batteries but no longer
- Need to work some of this into our contract with Waste Management
- Waste Management Bagsters that are full and sit by the side of the road for weeks

Mr. Johnson: I mentioned this before about the highway program as maybe something else we can do to get our name out there. Adopt-A-Highway – it's four times a year, we'd have to clean up a two mile stretch of highway. I have the contact list for Erie South Office, Brian Skok, I thought that I would give him a call and find out what we need to do participate in that. I don't see anything about cost, I believe it's just a partnership. It would be some P.R. for us. It has to be an approved New York State area, it has to be safe; I don't think it even has to be a highway I would hope that we could get a section of Boston State Road for local name recognition, the more bang for the buck so to say. We would have to wear something visible, orange shirts or vests. We could check into the cost of getting vests of shirts with Boston Conservation Advisory Council on them. Something to look into. We could also wear them for the Fishing Derby.

Mr. Keding: Something to think about adding to the budget.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Financial Secretary

Mr. Keding: Jeff's e-mail to me said that he would not be able to continue at this time. So is anyone interested?

Duties that I can see are tracking expenses, and a lot of that is done by our own Town Hall Bookkeeper Kathy. Start with a balance and deduct expenses as they are made.

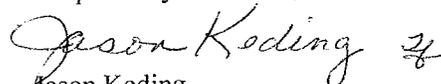
#### Fall/Winter Meeting Schedule

Following discussion it was decided to cancel the September meeting, meet on October 14, cancel the November meeting and meet on December 9.

Mr. Keding asked if there were any further business for this evening.

Being none Mr. Keding made a motion to adjourn (7:48 PM), seconded by Mrs. Stuart and carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Keding  
Chairman