Conservation Advisory Board (CAB)
Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2016

Call to order: 7:05 pm by Chair Diane Evans

Attendance: Diane Evans (DE), Alice Gerard (AG), Jeff Green (JG), Ron Rezabek (RR), Mary Rossi (MR), Dorothy Westhafer (DW).
Excused: Sam Akinbami (SA), Ray Billica (RB), Suzanne Tomkins (ST)
Absent: Ed Standora (ES)

1. Approval of Minutes
RR motion to accept February 25, 2016 minutes; 2nd by AG; all in favor.

2. Announcements/Communications
MR reported Erie County is having a rain barrel and compost bin sale this Spring.

3. Welcome and Introductions

4. Town Board Report
RB excused.

5. Old Business
   a. Letter to Town Board: Snowmobile Trails and ATVs
      DE requested a Board member draft a letter to the Town Board regarding the issue of ATVs damaging trails. JG agreed to write the letter and will send it to the CAB for review.
   
   b. Gun Creek Planned Development Project
      DE Gun Creek PDD was approved two years ago by the Planning Board. DE spoke with John Whitney, Town Engineer about providing the CAB with site plans at the point in time when the Planning Board receives a set. DE will contact the developer to meet with the CAB. JG requested a copy of the site plan be made available before the meeting.
   
   c. Living Shoreline along Linear Bike Path
      DE spoke with Tom Dworak about the shoreline plantings along Woods Creek. Tom offered to pay for the plants. DE inquired whether JG’s Environmental Club may be interested in helping with the plantings. JG will look into that
   
   d. Trapping on Town Property
      DE reported the Town Board is considering whether or not a trapping permit should be required.
e. **Spicer Creek - mapping**
RR provided a map of Spicer Creek along with a narrative for key areas identified on the map. The River Oaks Golf Course is an area targeted for shoreline restoration. RR explained an idea for using Niagara River water for irrigation at the course instead of the current withdrawal from Spicer Creek.

RR also proposed the developer of South Pointe donate wetlands to DEC or Ducks Unlimited as wildlife area as part of the developer’s wetland mitigation obligation.

f. **EAB Education Program:**
DE reported the program is set for May 3rd, 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Confirmed speakers are Patrick Marren, DEC forester and Sharon Bachman, EAB Task Force and Cornell Cooperative Extension. The seminar will be held at the Veronica Connor Middle School Auditorium. JG will work with the AV Department to familiarize himself with the projector and sound system.

Publicity:
DE will work with Cyndy Montana to include a small notice in the Town’s Annual Water Report document that is distributed in the Island-wide Dispatch on April 22nd. DE will also prepare information for the Cracker Barrel community event calendar section.
RR will contact the Rod & Gun Club and local churches to include the seminar in their newsletters/bulletins.
JG will have students help post information in public places at the high school.
MR will send details to Jody Robinson for the Isle de Grande website and Town Hall webpage.
RR reported Larry Austin, Editor is willing to publish an article on EAB and list the seminar.

6. **New Business**
   a. JG noted the Annual Water Report on the Town’s webpage is outdated. The link opens the 2008 version. DE will follow up on that.
   b. DE reported on the Niagara River RAMSAR designation meeting. Sites around the world are nominated for consideration. Application is made after presenting various criteria. RAMSAR designation offers world-wide recognition that will open new opportunities for funding and other programming.
   c. RR reported U.S. Fish and Wildlife and NYSDEC have been conducting a Sturgeon study out of Buffalo Harbor. They catch and tag the sturgeon and track their movement. U.S. Fish and Wildlife is now extending the reach of the study down the Niagara River and will be placing transmitters around Grand Island.
7. **Adjourn**
   Motion to adjourn at 8:23 pm by AG; 2\textsuperscript{nd} by RR; all in favor.

**Next meeting:** April 28, 2016