

## LAKE KENOSIA COMMISSION

### Minutes of the September 26, 2011 Meeting

Commission members present: Carol Elder, Patty McCarthy, Regina Ofiero, Renee Paley-Bain, K.T. Shartouni

Commission members resigned: Leslie Ballard daSilva, Steve Landau

Others present: Jack Kozuchowski, Toni Nabholz-Hulse (representing the Garden Club)

Chairperson Regina Ofiero called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. The minutes of the August meeting were approved as written. Regina announced that both Steve and Leslie have resigned, although neither has submitted a formal letter of resignation.

Regina turned the meeting over to Jack for his in-service presentation. He defined a riparian buffer as diverse vegetation planted along a river, lake, or wetland providing an environmental buffer. Our buffer garden at Kenosia Park fits this definition. There are plans to expand the riparian buffer at the west end of Kenosia Park. Swamps are also riparian buffers.

Jack presented the highlights of the Garden Club Meserve grant application, which asks for funding for:

- Environmental education kiosk for Kenosia Park
- One year of ecological enhancements of the buffer
- Kenosia Green Team – organic landscaper in supervision
- Three in-service sessions for Danbury school teachers

October 5<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to get changes to Toni so that the grant proposal can be timely submitted.

Reliable still has not finished their contracted work on the buffer garden. The unfinished work includes: pathways, irrigation system, replace damaged plants, and fix erosion from storms. Jack will check out their compliance bond terms.

We discussed possibilities for the garden grand opening next June. For the next meeting, Jack will help us with the proposed budget for next year, as well as present some proposals for the agenda for the grand opening.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Please let Regina know whether or not you will be attending. Please bring any

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suggestions for potential new members for the commission. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Elder  
Secretary