LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 6
OCTOBER 12, 2016

Members Present:

(x) Jim Sharpe, Chairman
(x) Mary West, Economic Development
(x) Bob Starzynski, Planning Board
(x) Paul Leuchner, Parks & Recreation
(x) Deborah Billoni, Citizen-at-Large
(x) Diane Evans, Conservation Board
(x) Martha Ludwig, Citizen-at-Large
(x) Eric Fiebelkorn, GI Chamber of Commerce
(x) Sharon Osgood, Citizen-at-Large
Mike Madigan, Councilman

Members Excused:

(x) Beverly Kinney, Planning Board
(x) Dorothy Bitner, Traffic Safety
(x) Dan Drexelius, Citizen-at-Large
(x) Marion Fabiano, Zoning Board of Appeals

Members Absent:

(x) Peter Coppola, Citizen-at-Large

Guests:

Sue Tomkins, Conservation Board

X indicates voting members

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:08 p.m.

II. MINUTES

A motion was made by Mary West / Paul Leuchner to APPROVE the September 14, 2016 LRPC Draft minutes as written.

Ayes: All in favor. Motion carried.
III. CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD PRESENTATION
By: Diane Evans

Part 1 – NYS Code for CAB – Chapter 39 – Separate document

Part 2 – Accomplishments

Part 3 – Goals, Dreams, Priorities
*CAB did not have enough time to complete their goals and priorities, will present at a later date.

Part 2 Accomplishments

A) Became an Advisory Board – They should now receive proposals for subdivisions much earlier in the process.

B) Land / Water Stewardship:
   Scenic Woods
   Tree Planting / Park Enhancements
   Living Shoreline / No Mow Zone
   Riverwatch
   Spicer Creek Explorations
   Cleanups and Beach Sweeps

C) Education for Residents:
   Living Shorelines Program
   Living Shoreline Presentation
   Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Program
   Emerald Ash Borer public information seminar
   Septic System Workshop
   “Don’t Lose Your Edge” pamphlet – preventing erosion
   Newspaper articles

D) Education for Our Members

E) Build Relationships
   Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
   Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper
   Erie County Water Quality Commission
   Western New York Land Conservancy
   WNY Emerald Ash Borer Task Force
   Cornell Cooperative Extension
   Local Businesses

IV. ROUNDTABLE:

Jim stated that the Town is planning to have a seminar on SEQR for new Town Board members, the County and State will bring in speakers. Will be published as a public meeting in the Courtroom.
Paul felt that the speakers should address Article 15 & 24.

Eric stated that the GI Chamber has 1200 Face Book likes and they are willing to help get out information. Chamber had 27,000 hits regarding Light Up the Boulevard.
Eric – has a meeting in California with the founder of a cause based business called Print Releaf, for every 8,033 pages printed, the company will plant a tree. It is a reforesting project which currently has projects in Africa and South America, and the founder wants to bring a small pilot to the U.S. Eric thinks that the EAB and associated loss of trees might be a project the company may be interested in. He will give Diane’s contact information to the founder of Print Releaf, as information should be coming from the ECB regarding the estimated number of trees that are expected to be lost on Grand Island.

Jim stated that the Master Plan will move us toward thinking about our lands and how we treat them. We will need to think about density and whether or not they need to be changed, such as density in a sewer district vs non-sewer areas. We will need to look at the economy of Grand Island and how we can maximize the environment and eco-tourism going forward, some of this has already been done with programs such as Paddles Up. We will look at overlays that are coming in, which will be helpful to the other advisory boards as well.

October 22nd is the walk of Town Center with George Grasser, with Partners for a Livable Western New York, they will provide a report of their findings to the Town free of charge. Will meet at 8:30 am in Town Hall.

Future Meeting Dates: November 9th and December 14th

At the December 14th meeting we should have an RFP for a planner to review

VI. NEXT MEETING: Meeting # 7

Wednesday, November 9th, at 7:00 pm.

Objectives for the November 2016 meeting:

Presentation by the Economic Development Board

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Paul / Eric to ADJOURN at 8:59 pm.

Ayes: All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline McGinty

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LRPC Recording Secretary