

March 11, 2014 Environmental Committee Notes

Committee Members in attendance;

Nick Cutri
Karen White
Maria Bucci
Bill Taylor – Chairman

5 Topics Covered

1. Special Events
 - a. MS Walk – This event is slated for May 4th and starts at the Inn on the Lake. Last year's event was very successful and I look forward to this year's event, since my wife is afflicted with this disease. This is a recurring event and the committee voted 4-0 to support the event.
2. Adequate consideration for restricted use of Parkland. – This subject was discussed because of applications by two organizations for revocable licenses to use part of or all parking spaces in the Steamboat Landing public parking lot for special events. The discussion centers around what is adequate consideration for the exclusive use of parking spaces. Staff put forth a proposal and council members put forth alternate proposals. No consensus was reached and further information was needed so the committee agreed to do more fact finding and delay a recommendation to Council until our April meeting.
3. Request to DOT for Main Street Speed Limit Change. – The committee discussed whether to request the State DOT to lower the speed limit on Main Street to either 20 or 25 MPH. This and the subject of placing a street light Wilcox Lane was not addressed by the DOT in their letter dated 1/24/2014. The committee decided to defer action until it received recommendations from the GTC walkability study to be completed this year if we are accepted. The City should be hearing if we will be part of that study shortly.
4. Hydrofracking – After having a moratorium on hydro fracking in place for 1 1/2 years in order to research whether the committee should recommend a ban on hydro fracking the committee is now recommending by a vote of 4-0 that the City Council ban hydro fracking in the City of Canandaigua. The City attorney was charged with authoring the ordinance to be reviewed by Council at the next Ordinance Committee meeting with the intention of a full Council vote in May.
5. "I Love my Park Day" – May 3rd is I Love my Park Day around the state and the committee asked that the DPW staff prioritize a list of projects that would benefit our parks or along our trails and could be done by volunteers. The committee will receive that list at our April meeting in order to publicize and organize volunteers for the event.
6. Snow Shoveling of Side Walks Notifications – Committee and member of Council discussed whether the current side walk clearing notification policy is adequate. Presently, a notification of the policy is sent out to residents in the fall and all citations are complaint based. No consensus was achieved and staff will gather more information and return with recommendations.