



**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON  
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014**

**8:30 – 9:30 a.m.**

**City Hall – Lower Level Conference Room**

**MINUTES**

- 1. Present: Christina Brickner, Burt Babcock, Sarah Deering, Shawn Graff, Patti Lemkuil, Loras Lux, Tom Mlada, Lisa Rathke, Allison Sigwart, Derek Strohl, Rob Vanden Noven, Donald Voigt**
- 2. No minutes were taken at the July 31 meeting, and no minutes were approved.**
- 3. No public appearances and comments.**
- 4. Budget update – no revenues or expenses reported.**
- 5. Relevant Committee updates**
  - INFOS project – estimates have been provided for the City's \$2,500 share, which will include primarily electrical service to an observation camera, and the City has requested that the camera be placed on a high pole to deter vandals.
  - Bike trail – about 1.5 miles have been constructed. Burt stated that there are many cracks forming in the paved bike path, and Derek will call Andrew Struck to bring it to his attention.
  - Breakwater and breakwater lighthouse – the City has \$750,000 and is awaiting news on two grants totaling \$800,000 for resurfacing and gateway work. The lighthouse will be divested in 2015. The City has right of first refusal to purchase it for no cost and only needs to demonstrate a plan for maintenance and repair.
- 6. Old business**
  - National Marine Sanctuary – letters of support are needed by October 2. Tom will circulate a letter, and Derek and Rob will sign it on behalf of the EPC.
  - Legacy Communities program – on Common Council agenda for October 7; if approved, City would need to submit an application.
  - Municipal composting program – City's website has a link to source for purchasing barrels; Street Department has hundreds of barrels, and Allison will ask them if they can be used for composting; we need to identify an area where restaurants can drop off food waste, and the Street Dept. has said that we can't use the municipal yard waste site.
  - Green Business Program – needs to be promoted to prevent it from dying.
  - Street lighting – most of our lights are owned by We Energies; we can purchase them as opportunities arise; there is not a significant long-term savings through conversion to LEDs.
- 7. New business**
  - Request from Cathy Lemahieu, on behalf of ACES, for \$130 for more street crossing flags. Cathy has asked local businesses to sponsor flags by making sure they are not lost or damaged. Motion by Shawn to approve funding; second Burt; approved unanimously.
  - Request for \$360 matching funding for rain garden signs; half provided by Don and Mary Ann Voigt. Motion by Shawn; second Loras; approved unanimous.

- Sister cities – recommendation to explore potential relationship with Alpena, MI. We are still pursuing Sassnitz, Germany, and Sister Cities International recommends we arrange a phone conversation with them. Tom will update Council that we are still exploring possibilities.
- Committee membership and mission update

## **8. Adjourn**

### **Committee mission:**

*The Environmental Planning Committee's mission is to implement policies and practices that will foster economic, social, and environmental sustainability by identifying and promoting the most efficient and responsible stewardship of our resources. The Committee aims to nurture a culture of sustainability in which a balanced approach to best management practices along with smart growth and education engages and advances our city towards an environmentally enhanced future.*