

City of Geneva Green Committee Meeting

2023 Feb 21 5:30pm

Welcome Center

Present: Richard Cox (Co-Chair), Anne Hoyt (Co-Chair), Jan Regan (Council liaison), Larry Campbell, Marcia Cullen, Patricia Wallace, Patrick Keefe

JR: as required, Joule printed information fliers and gave public presentations (which were poorly attended).

RC, Mission Zero-2 (MZ2): our committee has a problem regarding the acceptance of checks from vendors, because we don't have a banking account set up and can't set one up w/o being charged for it, as would happen at a bank. As a City committee, we can't accept moneys directly. The same is true for the City-owned Geneva Recreation Complex, where the event is scheduled to be held. Catherine Price of BID is too busy to set us up with an account. As BID is staffed by all volunteers, we cannot make demands of them. Last year we had MZ at the Geneva Community Center, which was able to receive the money on our behalf. Also last year, JR paid for printing jobs herself, which we don't want to repeat. We wish that the City could set up a banking account for us, or else give us guidance on solving the banking problem. Communications to the Geneva Community Projects go w/o responses for months. AH: try asking BluePrint.

Jim Norwalk of the Shade Tree Committee okayed that their annual sapling give-away be held in conjunction with MZ2. The south end of the municipal parking lot can be blocked off for that, EV/PHEV car demos, etc. RC: we should get a large banner printed. JR: HWS Print Services is fast and good.

RC: Cam (?) is willing to give tours of the 5 tunnel structures. RC suggests limiting that to two times, e.g., 11:00 and 1:00, and wants the manufacturer to show additional choices.

We perused the list of possible vendors, suggesting fee rates for those likely to attend, and brainstormed children's activities: seed-planting, face painting, sing-alongs, picture coloring/painting, juggler, HWS dance troupe, HS band, petting zoo....

AH reported that she and Sara Britting had attended a Canandaigua Watershed Management presentation at the Wood Library in Canandaigua Tuesday regarding winter road salt application and management. The Town and City of Canandaigua were awarded a \$187k grant with a \$62k match to retrofit existing municipal snowplows with flexible rubber blades (to handle road crowns) and brine tanks with nozzled sprayer arms. Brine saves ~75% of the rock salt used and therefore ~75% of its cost. Working with the Cornell Local Roads Program, technology and weather forecasts determine how much brine should be applied and when. They mix their own brine in big tanks, selling some to other towns. FLCC's Bruce Gilhorn monitors Canandaigua's streams at the same time each year and can correlate the streams' salt content to specific roads and intersections. We wonder if the Seneca Lake Water Steward, Ian Smith, has similar info.