

# Buffalo & Erie County Greenway Fund

## Standing Committee

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August 5, 2015

### **Minutes of the July 22, 2015 Meeting**

### **The Marcy Casino, Delaware Park, 199 Lincoln Parkway, Buffalo, NY**

The meeting followed the agenda and was opened by Chairman Alan J. Bozer.

1. The meeting was called to order at 12 noon

Members in Attendance: Brendan Mehaffy, Maria Whyte, Alan J. Bozer, Carol Jasen Sampson and Jean McKeown from the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo

2. Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt the meeting minutes of March 24, 2015.

Moved by Maria Whyte, Second by Brendan Mehaffy.

Approved 4-0.

3. Public Comment- NONE

4. Selection of Trustee Agent for the Erie County Greenway Fund

Motion to approve the award of M&T Bank/Wilmington Trust as the new Trustee of the Greenway Fund.

Motion by Alan Bozer, Second by Maria Whyte.

Approved 4-0.

Vice- Chairman Whyte thanked staff members from the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo for their financial review and reporting on the submitted proposals to the Greenway Committee.

5. Adoption of the 2015-2016 Eligibility Requirements, Guidelines, Priorities, Schedule and Application

Motion to approve and adopt the 2015-2016 Eligibility Requirements, Guidelines, Priorities, Schedule and Application.

Motion by Maria Whyte, Second by Brendan Mehaffy.

Approved 4-0.

Chairman Bozer requested that the adopted document be posted on the NYPA web site.

**6. 2016 Grant Schedule**

Chairman Bozer reported the 2016 Grant Schedule as specified in the adopted 2015-2016 Eligibility Requirements, Guidelines, Priorities, Schedule and Application.

January 22, 2016	Deadline for submission of applications (4PM EST).
February 24, 2016	Public Meeting for public presentations of submitted projects.
March 23, 2016	Public Meeting: Announcements of Awards.

**7. Meeting request to Niagara River Greenway Commission**

Chairman Bozer advised committee members that we have not received a response to his letter of July 9, 2015 to Eric Bauer, Secretary of the Niagara River Greenway Commission (NRGC), inquiring about means to communicate regarding consistency determinations and about informing NRGC applicants that they must apply to the Standing Committee for grant funding on the specified schedule deadline.

**8. Administrative Matters**

Chairman Bozer reported to the Committee that an investigation was conducted regarding funds of \$15,000 which were appropriated in 2011 to Seaway Trail for the approved project "War of 1812 Outdoor Storyteller Signs". To date, funding in the amount of \$13,500 has been allocated with no results that the work has been done. Seaway Trail designated representative(s) have not responded to repeated inquiries from Jean McKeown, authorized Buffalo & Erie County Greenway grant fund and project administrator from the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo. Seaway Trail is to receive a stern letter from Chairman Bozer regarding the grant funds and project status.

**9. Other Business**

Vice-Chairman Maria Whyte reported that due to her appointment to serve as the Deputy County Executive by Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz, she is resigning from the Greenway Committee and will be replaced by Thomas Dearing, Commissioner, Erie County Department of Environment and Planning.

**10. Remarks**

Chairman Bozer on behalf of the Buffalo & Erie County Greenway Committee expressed to Vice-Chairman Maria Whyte the gratitude for her commitment and leadership she displayed over the last four years as a Greenway member.

**11. A motion to adjourn was made by Brendan Mehaffy, Second by Carol Jasen Sampson. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.**