

MONROE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes for April 19, 2023

Members / alternates present:

Municipality	Representative	Present
Brighton*	Paul Johnson	✓
Chili*	Larry Lazenby (Alt.	✓
Clarkson*	Peter Selig	
Gates*	Romeo DeLucia	
Hamlin*	Steve Rutherford	✓
Henrietta*	William Santos	✓
Honeoye Falls *	Andy Less	
Irondequoit*	Deb Muratore	✓
Mendon*	Dave Wetter	
Ogden*	Bill Parkhurst	✓
Penfield*	Daniel Moore	
Perinton*	Mark Gaul	
Riga*	Greg Adams	✓
Rochester*	Shalini Beath	✓
Sweden*	Richard Popen	
Webster*	Michael Duminuco (Alt-Richard Seiler)	

*Indicates Voting Member

Agency	Representative	Present
At Large*	Thomas Dooley	✓
At Large*	Burt Gorton	✓
At Large*	Haines Lockhart	✓
MC Public Health	Starr O'Neil	✓
MC Public Health	Ryan Parra-Merrell	✓
MC Environmental Services	Clement Chung	✓
MC Environmental Services	Yasmin Guevera	✓
Presenter	Rochelle Bell	✓
Presenter	Patrick Gooch	✓

Meeting location:

- Monroe County Department of Public Health
111 Westfall Rd, Rochester, NY 14620
Training Room B14

Call to Order:

- Meeting was called to order at 4:02

Introductions

Review of Minutes:

- March Minutes approved as written. Motion to approve by Bill Santos; second by Burt Gorton.

Monroe County Staff Reports:

- Public Health
 - Area near Shumway Marina in Irondequoit is trying to operate as a seasonal campground. However, it is a Brownfield Site and requires a change of use through NYSDEC. The owner

applied for change of use, but was denied until further actions are completed. MCDPH will not issue a seasonal campground permit until site meets both NYSDEC and MCDPH regulations.

- Increase in rodent activity in Monroe County food establishments this year.
- Start of temporary food event season (festivals, events, etc)
- First draft of Loss of Fish & Wildlife Habitat BUI submitted for comments and working getting ready for public event and 30 day comment period. Will send out notification to members of date/time
- Planning
 - Irondequoit Pier Program
- Environmental Services
 - Earth Day is this Saturday, 4/22/2023. DES is having a few educational tables set up
 - Press release issued on ability for Ecopark to collect lithium ion batteries. Program set up through collaboration with Li-Cycle. Rochester is one of four LiCycle hubs in North America
 - Rochester and 6-county region applying for Federal Funding for Climate Change. GFLPC is the lead agency for the application.
 - Working on updating Solid Waste Management Plan
 - Working on an Organic Management Plan (food waste, yard waste, biosolids). Need better data
 - Annual report for Ecopark (Waste Management and Monroe County) coming out
 - Solid waste trailer will be onsite at the Lilac Fest for educational outreach

Meeting Topic:

Introduction and Overview of to the Monroe County Department of Planning & Development

Patrick Gooch, Senior Planner

Rochelle Bell, Senior Associate Planner

- First comprehensive plan for Monroe County in twenty years
- Reasons for planning:
 - Parks, recreation, and open space
 - Transportation (between and within communities)
 - Economic and workforce development
 - Ag and farmland protection
 - Infrastructure (drinking water, sewers, storm water, water quality)
 - Public health
- Guiding principles:
 - Equity and inclusions
 - Climate resilient environments
 - Building and supporting partnerships
- Planning themes:
 - People and communities
 - Economic and workforce development
 - Ecology and environment

- Connected systems
- Community health
- Next steps: draft for public review, followed by final comprehensive plan.
- Countywide Active Transportation Plan
 - Active transportation: powered by human energy
 - Objective: establish a clean vision for a safe, comfortable, and connected active transportation network for the county.
 - Discover opportunities for network expansion and improvement
 - Develop implementation strategies.
- CIP capital improvement program
 - Capital project - any public betterment or improvement for which a period of profitable usefulness, ownership.
 - Funding: county, enterprise, state, federal, and private. Largest is county.

Committee/Liaison Reports

- Natural Resources committee: none.
- Nominating committee: Meetings to be held fourth Wednesday of each month. Municipal letter brought forward and will be attached with today's minutes.

Privilege of the Floor:

- None

Other Business / Announcements:

- Recordings of EMC Meeting Discussion – due to technological and location limitations, this will not be starting yet, but will keep looking at ways to make this happen. For now, speakers will be asked to provide copies of their presentations and that they can be shared and distributed to EMC members/public.

Adjourn:

- Meeting was adjourned at 5:31