**Monthly Report to LaFayette Town Board**

LaFayette Advisory Conservation Commission (LACC)

September 9, 2021

Submitted by: Mark Distler, LACC Chair

These are the LACC activities between August 6 and September 9, 2021:

1. **Membership** – One new member, Doug Anderson, volunteered to be on the LACC. Chair Distler recommended that he be considered an auxiliary member. The LACC now has 7 adult members appointed, 2 student members, and 2 auxiliary members.

1. **Meetings** – No meeting was held. The next meeting is scheduled for September 21.
2. **Special Projects**

Attached is a status summary of special projects requested by the Town Supervisor.

1. **Culture Building Programs**
2. Town Newsletter – The LACC authored and submitted two articles for the Town’s 4Q newsletter.
3. Other – The LACC is considering two other programs: (1) posting topics on Town web site and (2) organizing the Town’s resident conservation experts.

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|  | **Objective** | **Sub team** | **Current Action** | **Previous Actions** |
| **Comprehensive Plan Update** | Participate on Tiger Team to update 2012 Comprehensive Plan | Carole, Kelly, Mark | -Provide input on revised objectives & action items in Sep -Prepare for public meeting in Oct | -Submitted input on vision, goals, objectives, action items -Provided input on land use approaches -Wrote FAQs for public communication |
| **Senior Center** | Propose concepts to connect visitors to the nature of Stafford Park | Kelly, Larkin, Mark | -ESF to design ravine landscape & new plantings in Spring '22 with ROM construction costs by 9/9 -Look for grants that could fund the construction | -Met ESF to discuss their involvement -Received Supervisor's and Optimist's approval to proceed w/ ESF -Got construction cost estimates for ravine & nature trail plantings |
| **Parks** | Propose concepts to increase visitor’s awareness of nature and/or environment | Amy, Keith, Mark | -Draft tree/bench memorial program - Follow-up with Supervisor about 2022 budget -Select concept for Bailey Park for Spring 22 | -Developed list of concepts -Finalized list of plantings for ESF by September; involve Optimists & Prince |
| **Tree Planting** | Coordinate planting of trees at Bailey Park | Amy, Mark | Follow-up with Supervisor about contracting | Obtained cost quote to plant 5 trees |
| **Electric Car Charging Stations** | Develop scope & cost for stations on Town property | Mark | Request contractors for installation estimates at two locations | -Contacted CNYRPDB to learn about funding options -Got Supervisor approval to contact contractors |
| **Solar Farms** | Propose recommendations on siting policy | Carole, Kelly, Doug | -Review current local law -Research other towns' guidance -Plan to provide by end of year |  |
| **Agritourism** | Recommend approaches to create a Town initiative | Isabella, Larkin, Mark | -Discuss scope with Palmer -Consider farm census | Discussed scope with Supervisor |
| **Stormwater Control** | Recommend mitigation measures for stormwater issues on Jamesville-Apulia Rd | Markus | Consult with Supervisor |  |
| **Wild Parsnip** | Propose approaches to manage the risk of plant at Stafford Park | Claire, Kelly | Recommend other management approaches | -Discussed with Supervisor prior to identification -Prepared warning signs for installation at parks |