



Buffalo & Erie County Greenway Fund Standing Committee

City of Buffalo • Erie County • Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy • New York Power Authority

Minutes of the March 18, 2022, Meeting

Via Videoconference (ZOOM)

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Daniel Castle at 8:39 AM.
2. Roll Call and Remarks
Members in Attendance: Dan Castle, (Erie County); Kevin Kelly, (Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy); Brendan R. Mehaffy (City of Buffalo) and Carol Jasen Sampson (New York Power Authority).
3. Meeting Minutes
Motion to adopt the meeting minutes of February 23, 2022. Moved by Brendan Mehaffy, Second by Kevin Kelly.
4. Approval of the transfer of \$58,929, County of Erie 2017 funds for the Shoreline Trial Enhancement: Design Phase to the Shoreline Trial Enhancement: Construction Phase
The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo advised the Committee that the County of Erie requested the unencumbered design funds of \$58,929 be transferred to the construction phase. Motion to approve the County of Erie transfer of design funds \$58.929 to the construction phase of the Shoreline Trail Enhancement project.
Moved by Brendan Mehaffy, Second by Kevin Kelly.
Approved 4-0
5. Public Comment (reserved for agenda items only) NONE
6. Project Funding Determination(s):
Chair Castle stated the Committee received ten applications proposing excellent projects. Applicants had to meet a January 18 deadline and present their project to the Committee on February 23. The Buffalo and Erie County Greenway Fund Standing Committee has awarded approximately \$27.6 million since its first awards in 2008. With the annual allocation of \$2 million that the Committee receives from the NYPA as part of the settlement agreement it was challenging to choose this year's funding awards. Applicants that were not awarded funding are encouraged to apply next year.

The Chair announced the following projects received funding:

- 1) **Buffalo Heritage Carousel, Inc.:** Inclusive Access Project (Weathervane)- \$21,000
- 2) **Buffalo Lighthouse Association:** South Buffalo Lighthouse Restoration and Reuse Project- \$137,800
- 3) **Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy:** Grand Staircase Restoration at Hoyt Lake in Delaware Park- \$220,000
- 4) **Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy:** Delaware Park Point of the Meadow Shelter Enhancement Project-\$425,500
- 5) **Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy:** S. Arboretum Center & Clubhouse Enhancement Project- \$92,000
- 6) **Buffalo Museum of Science-Tifft Nature Preserve:** Tifft Nature Preserve Accessible Trail- \$400,000
- 7) **City of Buffalo:** Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park Greenway Construction- \$1,500,000 (Includes 2022 and 2023 awards)
- 8) **Western New York Land Conservancy:** Planting Trees in the Riverline Communities and in Red Jacket Habitat Park- \$75,000

7. Other Business

Chair Castle announced the Committee will be meeting late fall and, on the agenda, will be the establishment of the 2023 Grant Schedule.

8. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Kelly, Second by Carol Sampson.
Meeting adjourned 8:57 AM.