

MEETING MINUTES FOR NORTH TONAWANDA CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE

Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Attendees, In person @ City Hall:

Deb Gondek, Tim Pieper, Erin Robinson, Mike Tuzzo, Austin Tylec, Jim Guido (new member), Justine Stevens (new member), Josh Randall (Cornell Cooperative Extension)

Meeting called to order at 4:34 pm

AGENDA TOPICS:

1) Introductions of new members, Jim and Justine

2) Approval of April minutes

Austin motion to accept; Deb 2nd. Carried.

3) Discussion of Priority Area Research

- a. LWRP/Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Priorities Discussion. Reviewed final map and noted the push for wetland area to be designated as open space may need to come from campaigns from surrounding neighborhoods. Kydell is safe; concern would be for those other areas near Deerwood, Walck and Robinson.

4) Campaign and Research Area Updates

- a. Digihost- acoustic training for noise readings May 15, and 16 (night readings). Received complaints are up. Council would need to approve a sound ordinance, if evidence shows issues. Proposed immersive cooling techniques do not reduce noise.
- b. Natural Resource Inventory- UBRI has someone working on this May/June.
- c. Home for Gnome Green Lawn Campaign- signs are available at City Hall and Erin will see about table at City Market for a Saturday. Connect with NT Garden Walk and awareness around 'when to spray' database; appropriate spray days.

5) Community Connections

- a. Social Media Platforms: continued promotion of energy saving resources, green lawns.
- b. UBRI CSC Panel discussion May 21. Austin will be representing NTCSC. Half day event for registered communities, providing resources and providing information via a panel. Erie County, NT, Town of Aurora, Village of Lancaster will likely be on panel.

6) Other Business

- a. None

Meeting adjourned at 5:15. Motion by Deb, second by Tim.

Next Meeting: Would anyone be open to moving the meeting to 6/10 or 6/12? We just found out my son is getting an award at the Fine Arts Banquet which is scheduled for 6/11 @5.

June Meeting: Date TBD? 4:30pm @ Erin's house, 229 Falconer, St. NT.