

Lebanon County Clean Water Alliance Meeting
Jackson Township Office
Tuesday, July 24, 2012
2:00 pm

Minutes

- I. Welcome/Introductions** – Present: Jeff Whalen, Kris Troup, Phylis Dryden, Steve Sherk, Jim Fisher, Michael Dryden, Commissioner JoEllen Litz, Commissioner Bill Ames, Steph Harmon, Jennifer Harding

- II. Meeting Minutes** – Steve Sherk suggested that the minutes be amended to indicate that the new Urbanized Area Maps, based on the 2010 census, are available on e-maps on the PA DEP website. A **motion** was made by Harmon/Sherk to approve the May 21, 2012 meeting minutes, as amended. Motion carried.

- III. Public Education/Outreach Grant** – Steph Harmon reported that she has access to a \$2,000 grant through the PA Conservation District for non-point source pollution. She suggested that the LCCWA could run an education/outreach advertising campaign in the Lebanon Daily News or in the Merchandiser with this grant money. Sherk suggested that we also look into banner advertising on the Lebanon Daily News website, as the way people are getting their news is changing. Commissioner Litz suggested utilizing a google key-word banner ad platform. Sherk, Troup, Harmon and Getz will meet as a “subcommittee” in the next few weeks to formalize a potential LCCWA advertising campaign. The information will be brought back to the full LCCWA committee for a decision at the next meeting.

Commissioner Ames also suggested utilizing Phylis Dryden’s writing skills to develop an editorial for the Lebanon Daily News as another way to educate citizens on water quality issues and the benefits of the LCCWA.

- IV. NFWF Technical Assistance Grant** – Troup reported that NFWF has set the budget for the grant at \$20,000 and has determined that Land Studies from Lititz will be our consultant for the project. Troup has met with Mark Gutshall, the point of contact with Land Studies. Gutshall, Troup, Sherk and Poff will develop a draft scope of work for the grant, which will be brought before the full LCCWA for approval at the next meeting. Dennis Auker (environmental planner) and Ben Ehrhart (engineer) will be providing the technical assistance for the project. Commissioner Litz questioned if any leftover funding from the grant could be utilized for implementation. (Subsequent to the meeting NFWF clarified that the funding is to be utilized for technical assistance only, not implementation).

- V. Jonestown Borough Proposed Storm Water Fee** – Harmon gave a brief report on the status of the proposed Jonestown Borough Storm Water Fee. The Borough has pulled together a focus group of ten people, who are working out the details of the program. The Borough is planning to hold a public meeting on the proposed fee in

October, with a final decision to be made by Borough Council in October or November. If approved, the stormwater fee would be implemented in early 2013.

- VI. Chesapeake Commons Tool** – The Chesapeake Bay Foundation is in the process of unveiling a new GIS mapping tool, called Chesapeake Commons, which will be a tremendous resource to local municipalities. The free tool will be available on their website in September. The tool uses a web-based platform, which allows the user to create GIS maps and track data without having an Arc GIS program on their computer. The tool is very user friendly and will allow municipalities to map MS4 outfalls and track data associated with their stormwater facilities. Troup will provide the link to the website when Chesapeake Commons is available.
- VII.** The group was reminded of the September 14, 2012 deadline for renewal of NPDES/MS4 permits. Sherk indicated that the application is not particularly difficult to navigate.
- Troup reported that a draft version of the new Lebanon County Stormwater Ordinance is available for review and comment. Plans are for this stand-alone ordinance to be adopted in the fall.
- VIII. Other Business** – Phylis Dryden spoke about efforts to clean up garbage and debris along the banks of the Quittie behind Wendy’s and Harold’s Furniture in North Cornwall Township. The son of the manager at Wendy’s is organizing a clean-up for his Senior Project. The manager told Phylis in late June that the heat was delaying the project. Since that time, the manger has stopped communicating with Mrs. Dryden.
- IX. Next Meeting** – A doodle survey will be sent to the group to schedule the next meeting. Any municipality willing to host the next meeting should contact Kris Troup.
- X.** The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:57 pm.