

Lebanon County Clean Water Alliance Meeting
South Lebanon Township Office
Friday, November 2, 2012
2:00 pm

Minutes

- I. Welcome/Introductions** – Present: Kris Troup, Phylis Dryden, Steph Harmon, Sheila Wartluft, Curt Kulp, Elizabeth Freeman, Mike Booth, Gordon Kirkessner, Commissioner Bill Ames, Commissioner Jo Ellen Litz

- II. Meeting Minutes** – A **motion** was made by Kulp/Booth to approve the August 29, 2012 meeting minutes, as distributed. Motion carried. Troup indicated that future meeting minutes will only be distributed electronically.

- III. Public Education/Outreach Grant** – Steph Harmon reported that the LCCWA print advertisement ran in the *Lebanon Daily News* on Sunday October 21st. In addition, the LCCWA banner ad is on the *Lebanon Daily News* website from October 21st to November 21st. The banner ad directs readers to take an online survey for a chance to win a rain barrel. Several people have already taken the survey. The advertisement and the website banner are scheduled to run again in April 2013. Twenty organizations participated in the advertising/education campaign. Troup and Harmon will report on the money available to create educational brochures/rack cards at the next LCCWA Meeting.

- IV. NFWF Technical Assistance Grant** – Troup reported that the revised draft scope of work for the NFWF Technical Assistance Grant was submitted to NFWF by Land Studies two weeks ago. The study will begin once the scope of work is approved by NFWF. The scope of work indicates that the work on the study is scheduled to begin in November 2012 and will be completed by the end of May 2013.

- V. Jonestown Borough Proposed Storm Water Fee Ordinance** – Troup and Harmon attended the October 25th Public Meeting for the Jonestown Borough Storm Water Fee Ordinance. Harmon served on the panel to assist with answering the public's questions at the meeting. She reported that the meeting was contentious and often uncontrolled. Many opposing the fee were from the Twin Creeks development. The proposed fee for single family residential properties is \$80 per year, with a 50% reduction in the fee available through the implementation of a rain barrel on the property. It appears the Borough Council plans to move forward with a vote on the ordinance at their December meeting. If approved, the storm water fee would be implemented in January 2013.

- VI. Chesapeake Commons Update** – Troup reported that updates have been made to the Chesapeake Commons map making web tool. The tool can be accessed at www.chesbayfunders.org, under the "Special Projects" tab. This program has the

potential to be a great tool for municipalities to track their MS4 outfalls and other storm water facilities.

VII. Other Business – Phylis Dryden reported that the Quittapahilla Creek behind Wendy’s Restaurant in North Cornwall Township has been cleaned up, with the exception of one large tree, which remains across the creek. Commissioner Litz added that the Swatara Creek Watershed Association conducted a clean-up day along the “Quittie” on September 8th in the western portion of Annville. This event also received press coverage and is the subject of a u-tube video.

At the suggestion of Commissioner Ames, Dryden authored an article on storm water, which appeared in the *Lebanon Daily News* in September.

Kirkessner reported that Lebanon City is renting a Vac-All truck to clean storm water inlets at the cost of \$7,500/month. Any municipality interested in utilizing the truck for a few days or longer period should contact Kirkessner in the City’s Public Works Department.

November 8th from 9 am – noon the Lancaster County Clean Water Consortium is holding a free class; “What’s Clean Water and How Do We Get It Back?” at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center.

Harmon reported that 80 people attended the Lebanon/Lancaster Watershed Forum on October 27th.

The Lebanon County Storm Water Ordinance is still on schedule for adoption before the end of the year. Kulp added that South Lebanon Township’s new storm water ordinance has been finalized and is ready for adoption as well.

Steve Sherk, PE provided an MS4 presentation at the Lebanon County Public Officials Convention on October 18th. Steve gave a “plug” for the LCCWA during his presentation.

Jonestown Borough’s website has a unique booklet on it called, “MS4 for Dummies.”

VIII. Next Meeting – The consensus of the group was to wait until early January 2013 to hold the next LCCWA Meeting. A doodle survey will be sent to the group to schedule the next meeting.

IX. The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:09 pm.