

Lebanon County Clean Water Alliance Meeting
North Lebanon Township Building
Friday, March 21, 2014
2:00 pm

Minutes

I. Welcome/Introductions – Present: Kris Troup, Mike Booth, Sheila Wartluft, Cheri Grumbine, Curtis Kulp, Steve Sherk, Robin Getz, Chuck Wertz, Tom Embich, Matt Genchur, Commissioner JoEllen Litz, Gordon Kirkessner, Senator Mike Folmer, Don Umberger

II. Meeting Minutes – The minutes from the January 29, 2014 meeting were approved. Troup will email the final minutes to LCCWA partners.

III. Public Education/Outreach – On February 11th, the education/public outreach sub-committee met to review the existing public outreach templates in EPA’s Non-Point Toolbox. Harmon, Getz, Sherk, Grumbine, Wartluft and Troup participated. A preferred advertisement was selected. The sub-committee discussed placing the advertisement on a Lebanon Transit bus or purchasing a nylon banner that could be used at different locations around the County. Sherk secured permission from Lebanon School District Superintendent, Dr. Bartley, to hang the banner from the pedestrian bridge over 10th Street (Route 72) in the City. Gordon Kirkessner indicated that permission would be needed from his office to hang the banner and that his employees would handle putting the banner up and taking it down.

Those present reviewed the cost of Lebanon Transit advertising versus the cost of purchasing a banner (approximately \$220). The group agreed that a banner would be less expensive plus it could be moved to different locations throughout the year. Curt Kulp suggested that, with Jon Wengert’s permission, banners could be hung from the LV Rail Trail Bridge on Wilhelm Avenue. Robin Getz suggested that the banner could be hung on baseball backstops as well. Wartluft and Sherk both indicated that they had experience purchasing banners from local companies.

IV. LCCWA MOU – Thanks to the efforts of Steve Sherk, West Cornwall Township submitted their signed LCCWA Memorandum of Understanding. Gordon Kirkessner indicated that he will work with Mayor Capello to take the MOU before City Council. Presently, there are six MS4 municipalities in the county that have not submitted a signed LCCWA MOU.

There was discussion about organizations/municipalities who have not signed the MOU being able to take advantage of LCCWA joint education/outreach efforts and other programs. It was restated that at any time any organization/municipality can become an LCCWA member by simply signing the MOU.

V. Evening LCCWA Minutes – The group decided that an outdoor, summer meeting would be good for the initial evening LCCWA meeting. Coleman Park was selected as the venue. Coleman Park recently installed several storm water bmp's, which can be featured that evening. Also on the agenda will be the PA Rural Water Association's new GIS mapping program. Contacting Monica Billig from the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center to participate in the meeting was also discussed. A date in late July will be selected for the meeting.

VI. Other Business – Troup reported on a newspaper article that Lancaster City has enacted a stormwater fee. Small City row-homes are assessed a \$4/quarter fee, while owners of slightly larger homes will face a fee of \$12/quarter. Residential properties with 2,000 to 2,999 square feet of impervious surface will pay \$19/quarter. Commercial and industrial property fees will be based on a per-square foot of impervious area formula. Lancaster City has a 25-year, \$140 million green infrastructure plan. Due to the City's combined storm and sanitary sewer system, annually, during heavy rains, 1 billion gallons of rainwater mixes with raw sewage and flows into the Conestoga Creek. Several people commented that Lancaster City Mayor Gray or Director of Public Works, Charlotte Katzenmoyer, would make excellent future speakers for LCCWA meetings.

A regional stormwater summit will be held on March 31, 2014 at Penn State's Harrisburg Campus. The Lower Susquehanna Center for Land & Water is hosting the event.

Gordon Kirkessner discussed the difficulty of educating residents that only rainwater should go into stormwater inlets. Several others echoed his sentiment.

Commissioner Litz requested that municipalities issue proclamations in support of the Swatara Watershed Association's Swatara Sojourn, which is scheduled for May 3 & 4, 2014.

Chuck Wertz new position at the Lebanon County Conservation District has a stormwater component to it. Chuck discussed a potential NFWF grant opportunity. NFWF is now accepting proposals for the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund.

Matt Genchur from the Pennsylvania Rural Water Association spoke briefly on their new program to assist communities in the GIS mapping of their water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure.

VII. Next Meeting – A Doodle Survey will be sent to assist with scheduling the next LCCWA meeting.