

Lebanon County Clean Water Alliance Meeting
North Cornwall Township Building
Wednesday, May 14, 2014
2:00 pm

Minutes

- I. Welcome/Introductions** – Present: Kris Troup, Sheila Wartluft, Cheri Grumbine, Steve Sherk, Robin Getz, Chuck Wertz, Tom Embich, Phylis Dryden, Mike Dryden, Stephanie Harmon, Marie Tribioli, Vincent O'Domski (Congressman Dent's office)
- II. Meeting Minutes** – The minutes from the March 21, 2014 meeting were approved. Troup will email the final minutes to LCCWA partners.
- III. Public Education/Outreach** – The group discussed the purchase of a nylon banner as a means of public outreach. Wartluft contacted Brown's Signs in Richland, who provided estimates of \$168 & \$198 depending on the weight of the nylon used. KB Graphics in Lebanon has provided an estimate of \$220. Troup will check with Vistaprint for an estimate.

The DEP Environmental Education Grant to continue the LCCWA outreach/advertising program was not funded by DEP. Those present thought that it was important for the LCCWA to continue this outreach program with the target advertising months being October and April. Cost to run the advertisement was \$1,180 per ad. Harmon suggested checking if there is any remaining 2013 Act 13 money available through PA DEP.

- IV. LCCWA MOU** – Troup reported that he received signed MOU's from Lebanon City and Palmyra Borough since the last LCCWA Meeting. To date, fifteen municipalities and five other organizations have signed the LCCWA MOU.
- V. LVC Opportunity** – Lebanon Valley College has expressed an interest in developing some stormwater education programs for municipal officials. Karen Feather and Associate Dean Greg Buckley from LVC will be attending the May 21st municipal managers meeting to further discuss this topic. Feather also indicated that LVC may have some student interns available to assist municipalities with data collection and MS4 annual report preparation.

Tom Embich indicated that he has spoken with LVC's property manager, Donald Santostephano, and the college would like to install some stormwater BMP's on the H&H Tack Shop property, which they recently purchased. The BMP's would assist with the quality and quantity of the water flowing into Annville Township.

- VI. Evening LCCWA Meeting** – Tuesday, July 29, 2014 was selected as the date for the outdoor, summer LCCWA evening meeting. Coleman Park will be the venue. Coleman Park recently installed several stormwater BMP's, which can be featured that evening. Presently, an effort is being made to secure Monica Billig from the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center to be the featured speaker for

the evening. A special flyer will be created inviting elected municipal officials and municipal staff to attend.

VII. Long Term Stream Maintenance – Robin Getz brought concerns to the group about how municipalities can work with property owners to make sure that fallen trees and other debris are not impeding the flow of waterways and creating issues for adjacent property owners. This is an issue in many municipalities. Members of the group suggested that the LCCWA develop a generic educational brochure geared toward property owners that could be utilized by all municipalities. Both Steph Harmon and Chuck Wertz thought that there may already be educational materials available through state agencies.

VIII. Other Business – The Lower Susquehanna Center for Land and Water hosted a regional stormwater summit at the Penn State Harrisburg campus on March 31st. Embich felt that this was an important networking opportunity. Both Embich and Troup touted the Lancaster County Conservation District’s brochure, “The Homeowner’s Guide to Stormwater” as a valuable resource, which is available on Lancaster County Conservation District’s website. Wartluft stated that it appears that most counties have realized that the key to addressing the stormwater issue is working collectively.

Troup reported that the County Planning Department is working with the Tri-County Planning Commission in Dauphin County on a potential computer flood modeling program for the Swatara Creek, similar to the tool that the Susquehanna River Basin Commission has for the Susquehanna River. Grant funding is presently being sought through the PA Department of Economic and Community Development.

Troup stated that the annual Erosion and Sedimentation reports are available through Karl Kerchner at the Lebanon Conservation District. These reports are a key component of most municipal MS4 annual reports.

Troup told the group that someone from the current Planning Department staff will take over the role of coordinating the LCCWA Meetings, setting the agenda and providing minutes.

Harmon indicated that the Low Volume Road funding coming from the state is significantly lower than what was originally proposed.

Vincent O’Domski from Congressman Dent’s office introduced himself and indicated that either he or Brian Craig will be making an effort to attend future LCCWA meetings. Congressman Dent understands the difficulties that municipalities are having complying with the MS4 requirements, and he will assist in any way that he is able. He also indicated that Mike Fox from Montgomery Township is an excellent resource who could assist the LCCWA in growing the coalition.

IX. Next Meeting – Is scheduled for July 29, 2014 at 6 pm at Coleman Park.

X. The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m.