

April 15, 2010
Quittapahilla Creek Watershed Association
Annville Township Building
7:00 P.M.

Present : Barb Haak, Ann Marie Lasky, David Lasky, Tom Kotay, Rebecca Urban, Tom Risser, Eugene Graham, Brett Long, Travis Steiner, Lisa Steiner

1. February Meeting Minutes. Brett Long moved to approve the March 2010 minutes; seconded by Eugene Graham and carried unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report. QCWA original funds will be moved to M&T bank.

3. Review of Website Upgrades/Change. David Lasky reviewed changes to the QCWA website. Website includes history, members list, meeting dates, maps and geomorphic assessment, reports, photo galleries, grants/projects pages, and links. It was determined that bad links should be removed from the website. David Lasky should be contacted to place additional items on the website. David will contact Stan Furmanak our webmaster about establishing a protocol for submitting items.

4. QCWA Liability Coverage. (No change from last month) The QCWA Board has coverage for Board functions. However, the organization does not have coverage for QCWA activities. Patrick Freer is investigating coverage for the Conservancy with the Watershed Association being covered as part of the policy.

5. Game Commission Plantings. Approximately 400 bareroot plants have been received from the Game Commission and a planting date was scheduled for Monday, April 19 at Lebanon Valley College greenhouse.

Update: the bareroot plants were potted at Lebanon Valley College on April 19 and are being cared for by Rebecca Urban and her students. Thanks Becky!

6. Reports on Quittie Projects.

A. Snitz Creek Wetland Restoration Project. Tom Kotay discussed a Wetland Restoration project planned along Oak Street at Snitz Creek Park for those who **were** not at last month's meeting. The project is expected to start in Mid April, and should create approximately four acres of functional wetland. A prospectus for the wetland project was handed out at the meeting and the association secretary will maintain a copy for the records. The goal of this project is to provide a wetland bank for future transportation projects as well as provide a valuable environmental and recreational resource to the community.

B. Quittie Nature Park Stream Restoration. (No change from last month) David Lasky reported that Rocky Powel expects this exploratory study to be done on time.

- C. **Wetland Project (BMP 3).** (No change from last month) David Lasky reported that this project is still awaiting input from the Army Corps of Engineers. A request for a one year extension of this grant was submitted to both DEP and NFWF.
- D. **Day of Caring:** Saturday 24th at Quittie Creek Nature Park. Work will be completed along the trail in the park, which will include removing invasive species and trash, as well as adding mulch to trails.

Update: We had 51 people for the day of caring in the Quittie Creek Nature Park and the extension. This group mulched trails, removed invasive plants, planted trees, and removed trash. Up at Yogies we had an additional 25 people removing trash. Prior to the Day of caring, 2 people went down the Quittie in a canoe and cleaned up trash in the stream and one person cleaned up the trash on Mount Pleasant Road near #422.

8. Lebanon Valley Conservancy Programs. David Lasky announced that the Lebanon Valley Conservancy is presenting the movie “Fresh” on Sunday April 18 at 1:30 pm at the Allen Theater. Tickets are \$10 each. You can contact David for tickets or purchase them at the door.

Update: “Fresh” was enjoyed by all who attended.

9. Oral History Project. A digital camera to tape local residents with stories about the Quittie/Annville was purchased and examined by all the attendees. Work on the oral history project continues. Contact David Lasky if you have ideas about who should be interviewed.

10. Ann Lasky. Ann Lasky was recently inducted into the inaugural class of the Lebanon County Commission of Women’s new Hall of Fame. Ann was honored for preserving the environment. A copy of the newspaper photograph was submitted to the secretary.

11. The meeting was adjourned before 8:30 P.M.

The next Quittapahilla Watershed Association meeting is scheduled for Thursday night at 7:00 P.M. June 17th at the Annville Town Hall.