

Quittapahilla Creek Watershed Association
August 18, 2011 Minutes
Annville Township Building 7:00 P.M.

Present: Barbara Haak, Lisa Steiner, Travis Steiner, Brett Long, Ann Marie Lasky, David Lasky, Gray Grieve-Carlson, Erin Gahres

1. Meeting Minutes - No July meeting was held therefore there were no meeting minutes. Brett Long also stated that no June minutes were prepared.

2. Treasurer's Report – No Treasurer's report was submitted.

3. Grant Extensions - David Lasky said that that the BMP3 and Quittie Park Stream Restoration Grants were extended for a year to June 30, 2012, following requests for extensions to the DEP.

3. Project Meeting - David Lasky stated that he plans to schedule a meeting with Jineen Boyle of the DEP, Barb Haak, and Barb Mark to check the permit application status and discuss how we can move the Grant Projects forward.

4. Permit Application Status - Brett Long stated he is going to check the PA E.F.A.C.T.S. website for the status of the permit applications for the project. (Following the meeting – Brett reported that the BMP3 project permit was in administrative review by the DEP and the Stream Restoration Project permit application was not submitted yet.

4. Stream Plantings - David Lasky reported that Eagle Scouts are going to use the QCWA plantings along Bachman Run for two Eagle Scout Projects.

5. Leafpack Activity – David Lasky reported that he attended a Leafpack activity training with the Stroud Research Center. He stated that they placed a package of leaves in the stream that aquatic insects migrated into and then they identified the insects. The activity was very educational and could be utilized in the Quittie watershed in the future. Becky Urban felt that it might be an activity for her students.

6. 319 Grant Application - Erin Gahres reported that the Watershed Implementation Plan for the Quittie Watershed which will be utilized to apply for an EPA 319 grant is nearing completion. DEP staff has been very helpful in preparing the plan. After Erin makes minor revisions based on the most recent DEP review, the plan will be submitted to EPA to apply for the grant. If the Quittie is approved as 319 watershed, the Association will be able to apply for 319 funds directly to implement watershed wide projects. This application process will be simpler than the Growing Greener Application process.

7. Reports on Quittie Projects.

A. **Snitz Creek Wetland Project** – Tom Kotay provided correspondence that described plans to modify the wetland to improve site hydrology.

5. Next Meeting – The next QCWA meeting will be on September 15, 2011 at 7:00pm at the Annville Town Hall.