

Quittapahilla Watershed Association
Meeting Minutes for February 16, 2012
Annville TownHall 7:00 P.M.

Present: Anne Marie Lasky, David Lasky, Brett Long, Rebecca Urban, Mike Schroeder, Gene Graham

1. Treasurer's Report – not presented
2. Dues were paid by David & Ann Lasky, Rebecca Urban, Gene Graham & Paul Graham, and Brett Long. These monies will be forwarded to our treasurer Barb Haak.
3. 319 Application - The application for 319 approval has been submitted to DEP for their review. The application if approved by DEP will be forwarded to EPA for their review to determine whether they will approve us as a 319 watershed. Steve Lanthrop, Stephanie Harmon, and Erin Gahres were essential in getting this application prepared and submitted.
4. BMP3 Grants - David Lasky reported that he had meeting with Stephanie Harmon of the LCCD, Jineen Boyle of DEP, and a representative to discuss the path for the BMP3 grants. It was decided that the Growing Greener grant dollars will be utilized to complete the permitting for the project. However, due to the length of time since receiving both the NFWF and Growing Greener grant monies – these grants will likely expire without the ability to renew prior to constructing this project. The cause for this situation was the time period it has taken our consultants to get an approved permit prior to construction. Brett Long stated that we should ensure we get a complete construction bid package from the consultant so when we apply for construction monies in the future we are prepared. One extension of the grant period could be requested if the permitting is not received by the June grant expiration date. Also, it was reported that Skelly and Loy's in-contribution was submitted and accepted by the DEP. It was briefly discussed that if we receive 319 approval we will investigate funding this project through that process.
5. Quittie Nature Park Grant - The Quittie Park project was briefly discussed. David Lasky stated that the permitting is in process and seems on track for completion before the June grant expiration. However, an extension could be requested if necessary. David also stated that Rocky Powell has coordinated with the Fish and Boat Commission to schedule the stream survey that will be part of the grant match.

6. Water Blog - Mike Schroeder reported that he is going to be leading a blog for the Lebanon Daily news about water issues. He requested that if the group hears about relevant issues to submit them for the blog.

7. DEP Sampling - Rebecca Urban stated that the DEP sent her a request to complete water sampling on the Quittie over a period of several weeks, which she completed previously. She will not be able to complete the sampling this year but asked if other members of the group would be willing. A copy of the sampling results was forwarded to the group secretary and is available to members. However, Becky requested that the DEP is contacted prior to making this data publicly available. Please let Brett know if you look like to see a copy of the data. Below is the request from the DEP.

From: Bradburn, Megan [mailto:mebradburn@pa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2012 3:19 PM
Subject: DEP 2012 Bacteria Monitoring Project

PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Division of Water Quality Standards is looking for conservation districts and volunteers interested in monitoring their local watersheds for bacteria. Samples will be collected for the purpose of assessing streams for recreational use (swimming, boating, fishing).

PA uses fecal coliforms as the bacteriological indicator to determine the risk of human contact with pathogenic strains of bacteria and viruses in the water. The Water Quality Standard for recreational use during the bathing season is the geometric mean calculated from five samples collected over a thirty day period. The geometric mean can not exceed 200 colony forming units (cfus) per 100 mL.

The study will incorporate a watershed approach and DEP will help determine sampling locations within the watershed. **At a minimum, two sites will be needed on the stream for sampling; however, depending on the size of the watershed, land use and number of volunteers more sites may be utilized to cover the watershed.**

The sampling protocol would require an individual to wade out to the middle of the stream channel and collect a bottle of water. **The frequency of collection would be once a week for ten weeks during the recreational use sampling season (May 1st through September 30th). Samples would then need to be delivered to a local laboratory within six hours of collection for analysis.**

DEP will provide the following items for the project:

~Sterile bottles for collection

~Gloves

~Field Sheets

~Laboratory Sheets

~Laboratory Analysis Cost

~Training if necessary

Volunteers would need to provide the following items:

~Waders or Stream Shoes

~Permanent Marker

~Pen

~Transportation

Please respond back if you are interested in participating in the 2012 bacteria monitoring project. Also, please forward this email to anyone else who might be interested.

Please include the following information in your e-mail if you wish to participate:

~Name

~Organization (if applicable)

~Address

~County

~Phone

~Stream(s) of interest

~Dates for possible Training

Thank you,

Megan

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8. Meeting dates for 2012 the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 P.M. at the Annville Town Hall (as needed)

Jan 19th; Feb 16th; Mar 15th; Apr. 19th; May 17th;
Jun 21st; skip **July**; Aug. 16th; Sep 20th; Oct 18th;
Nov 15th; skip **Dec.**