

QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
ANNVILLE TOWN HALL
June 19, 2014

Present: David Lasky, Ann Lasky, Mike Schroeder, Karen Feather, Hadjh Ahrns (with infant son Astor Ahrns), and guest Kristen Kyler

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

1. Members welcomed Ms. Kristen Kyler, Project Coordinator of the Lower Susquehanna Initiative of the Agriculture and Environment Center, College of Agricultural Sciences, Penn State Harrisburg (office: 717-948-6609; email: klk343@psu.edu)
2. Ms. Kyler summarized the Lower Susquehanna Initiative and indicated that the project has available large numbers of native tree saplings, free of charge, for the creation of riparian buffers along the tributaries that flow into the Lower Susquehanna.
3. Ms. Kyler also summarized the "F.I.S.H." program for property owners along streams ("First Investigation of Stream Health"), indicating that it was a simple but effective way to make property owners aware of various issues regarding stream health.
4. An extended discussion was held regarding the PA-DEP's regulation that riparian buffers must be at least 50 feet wide. It was decided to ask Jineen Boyle of PA-DEP where the 50-foot rule comes from, and whether it is part of the statute, or a regulation issued by PA-DEP to conform to the statute.
5. Members thanked Ms. Kyler for her interest in the Association's work and for her attendance at the meeting.
6. Ann Lasky reported that she has decided not to change the Association's bank account (which totals \$462.22) from M&T Bank to Hershey Credit Union – i.e., *status quo ante*.
7. Dave Lasky summarized the rock donations pledged by Pennsy Supply for the pending streambank restoration project on Quittapahilla Creek.
8. Dave Lasky reported that Rocky Powell spoke with Jineen Boyle of PA-DEP about the next round of Growing Greener, and that Rocky intends to prepare another submission for Phase 2 of the streambank restoration project.
9. Dave Lasky reported that PA-DEP is requiring that property-owners along the Quittapahilla Creek whose properties will be affected by the streambank restoration project sign (again) a revised form (identical to the previous form) granting permission for work on their properties. There are ten such affected property owners, and Association members divvied up the labor to make sure that all the forms are signed and submitted in a timely fashion.
10. Karen Feather reported that she and Ned Gibble of the Lebanon Valley Conservancy met regarding the pending streambank stabilization project, and that Lee Irwin would be the primary contractor. It is anticipated that Phase I of the project will commence in late July or early August and be completed by October.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Schroeder, Secretary Pro-Tem