

**QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
ANNVILLE TOWN HALL
October 16, 2014**

Present: David Lasky, Ann Lasky, Mike Schroeder, Kent Crawford, Karen Feather, Joe Connor, Alan Wood

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

1. Dave Lasky reported that he has spoken to Ned Gible of the Lebanon Valley Conservancy and Rocky Powell of Clear Creeks Consulting, who expect to begin the streambank restoration project around early November.
2. Dave also reported that there was no update from Rocky on the draft Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) or the anticipated meeting with PA-DEP on the “wet pond” BMPs described in the WIP.
3. Discussion was held on the passage of House Bill 1565 eliminating the existing requirement of a riparian buffer or forested riparian buffer for new developments requiring a non pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permit in a high quality and/or exceptional value watershed. Instead, the bill provides that buffers “may be used as a choice” among other alternatives. Dismay was expressed at the passage of this bill, as were possible legislative strategies for overturning it. Joe Connor and Kent Crawford confirmed that Trout Unlimited was adamantly opposed to the bill. Reference from the website of the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association: <http://www.conservationadvocate.org/issues/clean-water/riparian-buffers/>.
4. Discussion was held on the “Delayed Harvest” signs in Quittie Creek Nature Park and the reality that many fishers ignore the signs, using live bait and “Power Bait”, which are prohibited in the Delayed Harvest zone. It was suggested that the Watershed Association look into the construction of a sign, or signs, to be erected in the Nature Park, that would be more graphic, showing, e.g., a bottle of “Power Bait” with a red-circle-and-slash through it, making it easier for fishers to understand the rules. Mike indicated that he would develop a draft illustration for review, and discuss the issue with the Quittie Creek Nature Park Committee.
5. Kent Crawford announced that Kaitie McCardle, a Chemistry major at Lebanon Valley College, would offer a guest presentation at the next meeting of the Watershed Association on November 20, on her work in summer 2014 measuring phosphorous and other chemicals in Quittie Creek, .

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem