

QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
ANNVILLE TOWN HALL
July 19, 2016

Present: Mike Schroeder, Karen Feather, Alicia Norris, Russ Collins, Sean Droms, Dan Kreider, Joe Connor, and special guest Eric Jespersen of PaMAGIC.

1. The meeting began at 7:00 PM, with members offering a warm welcome to special guest Eric Jespersen.
2. The bulk of the meeting was given over to a presentation by Eric Jespersen on his non-profit organization PaMAGIC (<http://www.pamagic.org/Pages/default.aspx>; PaMAGIC, founded in 1996, stands for Pennsylvania Mapping & Geographic Information Consortium). In a nutshell, the goal of PaMAGIC is to develop a more accurate GIS “water base map” for Pennsylvania’s waterways & watersheds, to assist municipalities, PA-DEP and other state agencies, and watershed associations, in developing plans to protect watersheds and improve water quality across the Commonwealth. The presentation was very well received and Eric received a round of applause and many expressions of gratitude for his illuminating and informative presentation.
3. Cleona Quittie Creek Restoration Project. Mike provided an update on this envisioned project. To date, 15 of the 20 landowners along the creek from Dairy Road to Mill Street have signed the two “phase 1” forms (Landowner Letter of Commitment and Landowner Access Authorization); one has declined to sign; and four others have yet to respond. Mike encouraged the Association to continue in the effort to secure the permission of the remaining landowners along this mile-long stretch of the creek. In response to questions and concerns expressed by guest Dan Kreider, a relative of one of the landowners, Mike and others indicated that the permission forms can be modified to include addenda specifying additional conditions on property access and the landowners’ commitment to continue with the project if their concerns are not adequately addressed.
4. Anville Quittie Creek Restoration Project. Mike reported that the formal ribbon-cutting ceremony inaugurating Phase 2 of the Anville Creek Restoration Project took place at 11 a.m. on Thurs. June 23 at the Swingholm Pedestrian Bridge, although the actual work has not yet begun. He also reported that the saplings planted last year along the reconstructed portions of the streambank need some tending, with all the weeds growing and threatening to choke them out. He reported that he had cleared the weeds along the north bank on Paul “Stumpy” Graham’s property, but that additional work was needed on the south bank.
5. East Lebanon Commercial development. Mike reported that he wrote a letter and expressed the Association’s concerns about this proposed project to the Lebanon County Commissioners at their public meeting earlier in the month. He asked the Commissioners, and the Commissioners agreed, that the Association be kept informed and have a “seat at the table” regarding this proposed commercial development on the 4.5 acre parcel owned by the County at the headwaters of the Quittie, near PennDot’s building on East Cumberland (see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wE2oTuPIx34> and <http://www.ldnews.com/story/news/local/2016/06/02/lebanon-county-agrees-700k-commercial-land-sale/85187116/>).

6. Mike offered a reminder about the upcoming Snitz Creek Waterfest in the Creekside neighborhood in North Cornwall Township (at Creekside Drive and Waterside Circle) on Sunday Aug 14, 3-5 PM, to which the Association has been invited to participate.
7. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem