

QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
ANNVILLE TOWN HALL
September 20, 2016

Present: Mike Schroeder, Dave Lasky, Ann Lasky, Kent Crawford, Karen Feather, Alicia Norris, Russ Collins, Joe Connor

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

1. Mike provided an update on the Quittapahilla Restoration Project in Annville. He noted that a closeout meeting is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 3 from 12 noon to 1 p.m, in which Rocky Powell, Ned Gibble, Lee Irwin, Jineen Boyle, Mike S. are expected to be present. All interested parties are invited. It was noted that the Association will still need to plant saplings along some sections of the Phase 2 work, and the closeout meeting would be a good time to develop a summary of what needs planting where. Mike asked if the *Lebanon Daily News* should be invited, and consensus was reached that yes, as long as they come toward the end of the meeting.
2. Mike provided an update on the projected Quittapahilla Restoration Project in Cleona. He noted that 15 of the 20 landowners along the creek have signed the initial permission forms from PA-DEP, and efforts are ongoing to secure the permissions of the remaining property owners. Russ Collins volunteered to help in this effort. Mike also noted that Rocky Powell suggested that the Association ask the Lebanon Valley Conservancy if they would be willing to administer the grant, and Mike agreed to ask.
3. Kent and Russ provided an update on the projected Lower Snitz Creek proposal they are preparing in consultation with Rocky Powell and Lee Irwin, under the auspices of the Doc Fritchey Chapter of Trout Unlimited (DFTU), in response to a targeted grant from the PA Fish & Boat Commission (deadline for submission: Sept. 30). The pending proposal identifies 1,200 linear feet, with its lower terminus at the Dairy Road bridge, with an approximate estimated budget of \$60,000. Russ has been soliciting the permission of landowners along the projected route. The work would stabilize the banks; provide livestock crossings; remove invasive species; erect fencing; narrow the channel; increase the stream velocity; and include installation of riparian buffers using saplings that it is hoped will be provided by the Donegal Chapter of Trout Unlimited.
4. Kent provided an update on a second grant proposal, also nearly ready to submit, in response to the same PA Fish & Boat Commission call for proposals, for a scientific study of dissolved oxygen and temperature at several points along Quittapahilla Creek. This proposal will be submitted by Associate Professor of Biology Becky Urban of Lebanon Valley College; the grantee will be Lebanon Valley College, with DFTU serving as a partner in the proposal. The estimated budget is \$45,000, which includes stipends for LVC students and Prof. Urban, equipment, and LVC administrative overhead. It is expected that both proposals will be submitted before the deadline.
5. Kent moved that the Association endorse both of these proposals. Russ seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Kent said he would email Mike the letters of endorsement for his and Co-President Dave Lasky's signatures.

6. Kent provided an update on a proposal-in-progress for an electro-fishing survey of Quittapahilla Creek, to determine the extent to which trout are reproducing naturally. He expects the proposal to be ready soon, and asked that the Association provide a letter of support for the pending proposal. Mike moved that the Association agree to provide such a letter. Kent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
7. Karen asked that the Association consider nominating Randy Leisure for the Board of the Lebanon County Conservation District, noting that his term is coming up for renewal and that in her observation he has done a fabulous job chairing the LCCD. After brief discussion, Karen moved that the Association send a nomination letter to the Lebanon County Commissioners. Dave seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Karen provided the letter, which was reviewed and signed by the Association's Co-Presidents.
8. Mike reported that the Association's participation in the Snitz Creek Waterfest in the Creekside neighborhood in North Cornwall Township on Sun Aug 14 went swimmingly.
9. Mike submitted to Treasurer Ann Lasky a total of \$175 in cash and checks from t-shirt sales, bringing the total revenue from t-shirt sales to \$245 (the cost was \$284).
10. Consensus was reached that the Association should give t-shirts from our dwindling stock to Rocky Powell, Lee Irwin, and Ned Gible. Mike agreed to distribute the t-shirts at the Oct. 3 closeout meeting (see Item 1, above).
11. Ann Lasky reported that she would like to step down as Treasurer, a position she has held since 2014. The assembled members thanked Ann for her excellent service over the past two-plus years. After soliciting volunteers for the position of Treasurer, with no volunteers immediately forthcoming, it was decided to ask Ann to serve for one more month, in hopes that a suitable replacement can be found by that time, a request to which she graciously assented.
12. Russ announced the Doc Fritchey Trout Unlimited Fly Fishing Film Tour, a fundraising event to be held at the Allen Theater in Annville on Sunday, Oct. 16 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., with tickets \$15 each, and encouraged the assembled members to attend and spread the word. A promotional flier is forthcoming.
13. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem