

QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
Annville Town Hall
May 18, 2017

Present: Mike Schroeder, Dave Lasky, Ann Lasky, Stephan Vegoe, Russ Collins, Alicia Norris, Sean Droms, Kelly Cottingham, Bryan Hoffman, Kent Crawford

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

1. The Minutes of April 18 were reviewed and approved pending the correction of the title of Appendix B (mistakenly labeled Appendix A).
2. Mike offered a summary of the meetings of the WIP Project Identification and Prioritization Working Group at Cleona Borough Hall on April 11, and at the Annville Town Hall on May 2 (rosters of working groups listed in Appendix A, below; a summary of the gist of these meetings can be found in Appendix B, below).
3. Considerable discussion centered on the inevitability of stormwater management projects for municipalities in consequence of EPA mandates. Bryan Hoffman emphasized that EPA is pressuring PA-DEP to reduce pollutants entering Chesapeake Bay. He noted Cleona Borough's upcoming fee based on "Equivalent Residential Units" (ERU's). He further noted that the Consortium of Municipalities involved in a collaborative effort to reduce stormwater runoff and pollutants includes the City of Lebanon, North Lebanon Township, North Cornwall Township, Cleona Borough, and Annville Township. South Lebanon Township is out, and West Lebanon Township has requested a waiver. The Consortium is planning to meet on Monday, May 22 to discuss design and planning issues.
4. Kent noted that he serves on the PA-DEP's Water Resources Advisory Committee, comprised of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, the Delaware River Basin Commission, and others. He further noted that the PA-DEP's strategic planning process is slated to begin on Monday, June 5.
5. Karen suggested that the Association can organize volunteers and projects for rain gardens, etc., for the Consortium. She also suggested that Association intern Sam Soliday post his schedule, and that we ask LVC Biology Prof. Becky Urban if her students might be interested in serving as interns.
6. Ann noted that the Swatara Creek Watershed Association is poised to undertake a fundraising initiative on 14-16 July, with area restaurants devoting a part of their proceeds to the SCWA.
7. Russ provided an update on the Snitz Creek Restoration Project, spearheaded by Doc Fritchey Trout Unlimited. The budget approved by the Fish & Boat Commission was \$115,000, and the matching budget has been reworked. Pennsy Supply has generously donated large quantities of rocks for the project. The schedule for work depends on the schedules of Rocky Powell (Project Manager) and Lee Irwin (General Contractor).
8. Stephan noted that Doc Fritchey is poised to approve the 18 x 24 inch signs clarifying the rules for the Delayed Harvest area in Quittie Creek Nature Park, and that the cost of the signs is around \$150 each.
9. Mike reminded members of the need to staff the Association's table at the upcoming Historic Old Annville Day. A list of volunteers and times was developed.
10. Alicia provided the Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$1,075.72.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem

Appendix A: WIP Working Groups Members:

1. Project Identification & Prioritization

Bill Beck
Kent Crawford
Mike Schroeder
Stephan Vegoe
Alan Wood
Alicia Norris
Joe Connor
Karen Feather

2. Municipality Coordination

Bryan Hoffman
Jim Scott
Russ Collins

3. Landowner Participation

Bill Beck
Russ Collins
Kent Crawford
Mike Schroeder
Stephan Vegoe

4. Public Education, Participation & Outreach

Kelly Cottingham
Karen Feather
Mike Schroeder
Russ Collins
Sean Droms
Alicia Norris
Joe Connor

5. Project Tracking & Documentation

Kent Crawford
Karen Feather
Mike Schroeder
Joe Connor

Appendix B: Summary of April 11 and May 2 WIP Project Identification & Prioritization Working Group

April 11, Cleona Borough Hall. Present: Michael Schroeder, Rocky Powell, Karen Feather, Tom Embich, Dan Cannistrani, Dan Lyons, Betsy Bowman, Scott Richts, Florence Umberger, Donald Umberger, Alan Wood, Bryan Hoffman, Kerry Rohland, Joe Connor.

Summary: Rocky reprised the information presented at the Association's March 21 meeting and summarized his recommendations for the five working groups. Representatives of the municipalities offered the perspective of the consortium of municipalities collaborating under the aegis of the Lebanon County Clean Water Alliance, made necessary by federal mandates for MS4. Wide-ranging discussions were held concerning the anticipated future activities of the Association and the LCCWA, respectively, and potential synergies between the projects that each group envisions.

May 2, Annville Town Hall. Present: Bill Beck, Joe Connor, Kent Crawford, Karen Feather, Alicia Norris, Rocky Powell, Michael Schroeder, Stephan Vegoe,

Summary: Discussion centered on identifying the criteria we should use for prioritizing projects, and on mapping out the overall sequence of projects over the next 10-15 years. Consensus was reached on the following points:

- (a) Sequence of projects for mainstem: After the Cleona project, to begin at the downstream end of the Hazel Dyke and work downstream, eventually reaching the Quittie's mouth where it enters Swatara Creek. Leave everything upstream to the City of Lebanon and the Lebanon County Clean Water Alliance (avoid subwatersheds 15, 16 & 17 on the maps, including Brandywine Creek). Funding: DEP's Growing Greener.
- (b) Sequence of projects for tributaries: After the DFTU Snitz Creek project, to begin at the upper reaches of (1) Snitz Creek and work our way downstream, to be followed by projects, in sequence, on
 - (2) Beck Creek
 - (3) Bachman Run
 - (4) Killinger Creek
- (c) Sequence of funding for tributaries: NRCS starting in 2018. EPA §319 starting in 2019. Apply for multiple grants for multiple projects at once.

It was noted that the maps & data in the 2006 report were produced in the early 2000s, and that much has changed in the intervening 17 or so years. Consensus was reached that the maps & survey data on the tributaries need to be updated. Field groups will be formed in June to walk, survey, and photo-document the upper reaches of Snitz Creek. It was noted that securing landowner permission will be essential before surveying these waterways.