

QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
Annville Town Hall
August 17, 2017

Present: Mike Schroeder, Dave Lasky, Ann Lasky, Karen Feather, Alicia Norris, Kent Crawford, Alan Wood, Sean Droms, Kelly Cottingham, Elliott Fackler, Sam Soliday, Joe Connor

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

1. Sam offered a summary of the results of his 120-hour internship with the Association (see the QWA website, “Studies & Documents” page for his report). The Association offered its warm thanks to Sam for his excellent work.
2. Kelly played the 2-minute video she produced introducing the watershed, for which she received many accolades from the assembled members. It was suggested that a similar video might be made of the Snitz Creek Project before, during & after the work, and that a series of such videos be produced to spotlight specific areas of concern in the watershed. A three-part sequence of videos was proposed – the first, “Introduction to the Quittapahilla Watershed” (already produced); the second, spotlighting the problems (“Impairments and Problems”), and the third focusing on fixing these problems (“The Stream Restoration Process”). Consensus was reached that this would be an effective three-part video series.
3. Sam indicated that he is still in touch with the teacher in the Journalism Dept. in charge of video production at A-C High School and that he and his students might be approached to solicit their participation in the production of such videos.
4. The suggestion was made to initiate a GoFundMe campaign to help pay for such videos.
5. Russ provided an update on the Snitz Creek Project, with the paperwork being lined up for the Fish & Boat Commission. It is anticipated that groundbreaking on the project will take place in January 2018.
6. Joe noted that the Fish & Boat Commission will be stocking the Quittie with trout on Wed. Oct. 11 at 12:30 PM near Bachman Road in Quittie Creek Nature Park.
7. Alan noted that the Board of the Lebanon Valley Conservancy needs two new members, and in particular a member who could serve as a liaison between the LVC and the Association. Karen volunteered to serve as such member and liaison if the meeting times are changed to the evenings. Russ also volunteered to serve. It was noted that the next meeting of the LVC will be at 7 PM on Sept. 11.
8. Dave noted the study of the history of the Quittapahilla Educational Wetlands Preserve (next to the Lebanon Career & Technology Center on the east side of Lebanon) recently undertaken by Andrea Levendoski, a GIS intern at Bloomsburg University. Dave suggested that the study be placed on the website and that Andrea Levendoski be invited to present her findings at our next meeting.
9. Dave noted that the Quittie Creek Nature Park Committee will be installing a historical marker at the site of the Old Bachman Mill next to the Swingholm Pedestrian Bridge. [later update: the Friends of Old Annville’s Fall Program will consist of a commemoration of this historical plaque to take place on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 2 PM next to the Swingholm Bridge.]

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem