

Lebanon County Clean Water Alliance Meeting
South Lebanon Township Office
Monday, June 24, 2013
2:00 pm

Minutes

- I. Welcome/Introductions** – Present: Kris Troup, Mike Booth, John Poff, Steve Sherk, Curt Kulp, Michael Schroeder, Phylis Dryden, Michael Dryden, Commissioner JoEllen Litz, Gordon Kirkessner, Sheila Wartluft, Stephanie Harmon, Robin Getz, Mike LaSala
- II. Meeting Minutes** – The minutes from the May 20, 2013 meeting were approved, as distributed. Troup will email the final minutes to LCCWA partners.
- III. Public Education/Outreach** – Steph Harmon reported that a sub-committee, consisting of herself, Getz, Grumbine, Wartluft, Sherk and Troup met on June 12th at the Conservation District office to discuss ideas on how to most effectively utilize the remaining \$640 from the 2012/2013 outreach campaign. The sub-committee recommends developing a contest for middle school age science classes. Students would be challenged to create a poster illustrating how to improve water quality in Lebanon County. Members of the LCCWA will chose the winning entry, which will be utilized to print educational posters and “rack cards” which the LCCWA participants may distribute at their discretion. The contest winner will receive a \$100 gift card, second place a \$30 gift card and third place a \$20 gift card. Additionally, the class from which the winning entry is selected will receive a pizza party. The contest will be open to all public and private schools in the county.
- LCCWA members in attendance unanimously endorsed the contest idea. The sub-committee will develop contest guidelines and a letter to the superintendents and/or middle school principals explaining the contest and asking for their participation. The contest guidelines and cover letter will be brought back to an LCCWA meeting for approval, prior to their distribution.
- IV. Lower Susquehanna Center for Land & Water** – Troup provided the following updates from the LSCFLW Steering Committee Meeting:
- Through a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Penn State is developing a “Homeowner’s Guide to Storm Water.” The electronic version will include a basic tool which assists property owners in calculating the amount of impervious area on their property. The guide is scheduled to be completed and available to the public in September 2013.
 - Matt Royer, the founder of the LSCFLW and current instructor at Penn State Harrisburg, has been promoted. Starting in the fall, Matt will be teaching full time at Penn State’s main campus. Accordingly, Matt and his family are moving from Mt. Gretna to State College.

- The Greening the Lower Susquehanna initiative has a native tree nursery component. The initiative is currently working with a municipality in Dauphin County to provide free trees to be planted on properties acquired by the municipality through the FEMA buyout program after Tropical Storm Lee. Troup has provided the leaders of the initiative with the contact information for the six Lebanon County municipalities that participated in the FEMA buyout program. Several people expressed concern that the buyout properties might not be the optimal location for this type of tree planting.
- Planning is underway for Penn State Harrisburg to host a Storm Water Summit in March or April of 2014.
- The United Water Company has expressed an interest in becoming an active participant in the LCCWA.

V. NFWF Technical Assistance Grant – Mike Lasala from Land Studies provided an overview of the project to date. Lasala distributed the following draft documents: Strategic Action Plan Scope of Work Development Summary, LCCWA Overview, Memorandum of Agreement, MS4 Permit Summary, Impaired Streams Summary and a Water Quality Improvement Strategic Action Plan Scope of Work.

LCCWA stakeholders were encouraged to review the draft documents and provide comments to Lasala at Mike@landstudies.com by June 28th. Troup will distribute the final version of these documents, in electronic format, to LCCWA partners in early July.

It was the consensus of the group to delete the stakeholder list from the draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Any group who signs the MOA is eligible to be a stakeholder in the LCCWA.

In the Water Quality Improvement Strategic Action Plan Scope of Work, Phase 1, Task 1, Source Water should be added as a potential future committee.

Only ten municipalities responded by providing their information for the MS4 Permit Summary.

This agenda item encompassed the majority of the meeting and generated very productive discussion. Many LCCWA stakeholders in attendance had questions and comments for Lasala.

VI. Other Business – John Poff discussed some of the green storm water infrastructure research that is being conducted at Villanova University. The college has installed numerous BMP's on the campus and is conducting research into their effectiveness.

VII. Next Meeting – A doodle survey will be sent to the group to assist with scheduling the next LCCWA meeting.