

Lebanon County Clean Water Alliance Meeting
North Lebanon Township Office
Tuesday, August 27, 2013
2:00 pm

Minutes

- I. Welcome/Introductions** – Present: Kris Troup, Mike Booth, Steve Sherk, Phylis Dryden, Michael Dryden, Commissioner JoEllen Litz, Gordon Kirkessner, Sheila Wartluft, Stephanie Harmon, Robin Getz, Cheri Grumbine, Nick Yingst, Senator Mike Folmer, Justin Brame, Jon Prawdzik
- II. Meeting Minutes** – The minutes from the June 24, 2013 meeting were approved, as distributed. Troup will email the final minutes to LCCWA partners.
- III. Public Education/Outreach** – The sub-committee, consisting of Harmon, Getz, Grumbine, Wartluft, Sherk and Troup submitted proposed guidelines for the poster contest as well as an associated cover letter to the Middle School Principals. Commissioner Litz suggested that the contest be open to home-schooled middle school age students. Phylis Dryden suggested some language to facilitate their inclusion. Commissioner Litz also suggested that teachers could be directed to the County Planning Department’s webpage to copy the LCCWA logo, which must be incorporated into each entry. The recommended changes will be made, and the contest guidelines sent to the Middle School Principals in late September.
- Getz and Wartluft suggested that LCCWA should consider another outreach/advertising campaign in the *Lebanon Daily News* as a means to satisfy MS4 requirements. Getz will contact the *Lebanon Daily News* for pricing and report back to the group at the next meeting.
- IV. Storm Water Exemption Sub-committee** – Getz indicated that N. Cornwall Township is struggling with the exemption portion of their draft storm water ordinance. She would like to form a sub-committee to look into the feasibility of forming a storm water hearing board (SWHB), similar to a zoning hearing board. The SWHB would have the authority to grant storm water exemptions to certain projects which met all of the requirements of a checklist. PA DEP would have to agree to the concept and be involved with the development of the checklist and the formation of the SWHB. A suggestion was made by Kirkessner that EPA should also be included in these discussions. Sherk stated his understanding of the PA DEP exemption requirements. No immediate action was taken on this issue, however, it will likely be revisited at the next LCCWA meeting in October.
- V. NFWF Technical Assistance Grant** – Troup distributed a copy of the final Strategic Action Plan Scope of Work developed by Land Studies. LCCWA stakeholders are encouraged to review the documents and share them with their elected and appointed

officials. Specifically, LCCWA representatives should discuss the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with their officials and report back to the group at the next LCCWA meeting. Troup will also distribute the final version of these documents, in electronic format, to LCCWA partners.

- VI. Other Business** – Recently Wartluft has been working with Jay Patel, P.E. from PA DEP on the Rockwood Sewer Project. Patel, who works in the Permit Section of the Clean Water Program at DEP’s South-Central Regional Office volunteered to come and speak with the LCCWA. The concept would be a 30 – 45 minute open question and answer period geared around storm water management and the MS4 program. The group decided to pursue this idea. Wartluft will contact Patel to gauge his availability during the weeks of Oct. 1-4 and Oct. 21-25.
- VII. Stormwater Authorities** – There was a brief discussion of Senate Bill 351 (now Act 68), which facilitates the formation of stormwater authorities. Senator Folmer indicated that stormwater authorities would help to create a stable source of funding for municipal stormwater management planning and projects. He also indicated that the bill passed the Senate 49-1.
- VIII. Next Meeting** –Troup and Wartluft will work with Jay Patel from PA DEP on scheduling the next LCCWA meeting, hopefully within the aforementioned timeframes.