

**QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
ANNVILLE TOWN HALL
August 20, 2015**

Present: Dave Lasky, Ann Lasky, Mike Schroeder, Kent Crawford, Karen Feather, Joe Connor, Russ Collins, Alicia Norris, and special guests Kerry Rohland, Cleona Borough Manager, and Pat Haley, Director of Cleona Borough Public Works Dept.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

1. Mike provided an update on the volunteer workday in Quittie Creek Nature Park and points downstream on Saturday, Aug. 15. Upwards of 30 Warrant Officers & Warrant Officer Candidates from Fort Indiantown Gap, and other volunteers planted some 120 saplings in three locations along the bank. Kent suggested, and agreed to draft and circulate letters of thanks to the Doc Fritchey and Donegal chapters of Trout Unlimited. Mike volunteered to draft another letter of thanks to the folks at Fort Indiantown Gap. Summary: a very successful workday!
2. Mike summarized the status of Phase 2 of the Restoration Project along Quittie Creek, which is expected to commence in the late autumn. All the DEP paperwork is in place, but Rocky Powell will need to secure the approval of three property owners along the sections to be restored because the original plans have been revised.
3. Mike provided an update on the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup event to be held in Lebanon City on Sat. Sept. 19 – spearheaded by the Quittapahilla Creek Garbage Museum, the event has also been endorsed by the QWA; Lebanon Valley College's Center for Municipal & Corporate Sustainability and Office of Community Service & Volunteerism; the City of Lebanon Public Works Dept.; the Lebanon County Clean Water Alliance (LCCWA); and Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC). Mike is coordinating the event.
4. Mike noted that a Facebook page has been created for the Association, which he is administering, at <https://www.facebook.com/quittapahilla>. Mike also reported that the QWA website has been revised by removing the "News & Media Blog."
5. Kerry Rohland, Manager of Cleona Borough, summarized the needs & desires of Cleona Borough with respect to stormwater management and the continuing severe erosion along Quittie Creek. He indicated that the goal of the Borough is to create a riparian buffer along the bank in the area around Cleona Park by planting 300-400 trees. Russ Collins indicated that Trout Unlimited might be able to provide saplings for such a project. Kerry Rohland also summarized the Borough's current challenges with MS4.
6. It was suggested that Rocky Powell meet with Kerry Rohland and Pat Haley and do a brief walk-through along the creek in Cleona when Rocky travels up to this area to secure property owners' approval for the revised Phase 2 plans, probably in September. Mike agreed to suggest such a meeting to Rocky.
7. From the foregoing discussion it became clear that the collaboration of North Cornwall Township (along the south bank of the creek) would be essential to any successful

streambank restoration project in Cleona. Mike agreed to invite North Cornwall Twp officials to the next QWA meeting.

8. Kent suggested that the QWA look beyond DEP's Growing Greener program to consider other grant possibilities, including PA-DCNR, and, to reach out to the Rails to Trails organization for its support.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem