

QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
ANNVILLE TOWN HALL
June 21, 2016

Present: Dave Lasky, Ann Lasky, Mike Schroeder, Karen Feather, Beth Lutz, Alan Wood, Alicia Norris, Sean Droms

1. The meeting began at 7:00 PM, with members offering a warm welcome to newcomer Sean Droms.
2. Cleona Quittie Creek Restoration Project. Mike provided an update on this envisioned project. To date, 11 of the 22 landowners along the creek from Dairy Road to Mill Street have signed the two “phase 1” forms (Landowner Letter of Commitment and Landowner Access Authorization). Mike further reported that the public meeting in Cleona Borough Hall on Tues. June 7 was well attended, with about half the landowners present, along with Cleona Borough officials and members of the Association. Mike indicated that he would follow up with a second letter to the landowners who have not yet signed, to be followed by door-to-door visits. The provisional deadline for securing all landowner permission forms is Aug 1.
3. Anville Quittie Creek Restoration Project. Mike reported that the formal ribbon-cutting ceremony inaugurating Phase 2 of the Anville Creek Restoration Project will take place at 11 a.m. on Thurs. June 23 at the Swingholm Pedestrian Bridge. He also reported that the saplings planted last year along the reconstructed portions of the streambank need some tending, with all the weeds growing and threatening to choke them out. He reported that he had cleared the weeds along the north bank on Paul “Stumpy” Graham’s property, but that additional work was needed on the south bank.
4. East Lebanon Commercial development. Mike reported that the Lebanon County Commissioners are engaged in discussions with the developer Aspen Hills Partners for a commercial development on a 4.5 acre parcel owned by the County at the headwaters of the Quittie, near PennDot’s building on East Cumberland (see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wE2oTuPIx34> and <http://www.ldnews.com/story/news/local/2016/06/02/lebanon-county-agrees-700k-commercial-land-sale/85187116/>). Mike suggested that the Association write a letter to the County Commissioners expressing its concerns about flood control, storm water management, wetland viability, and water quality issues related to this potential project. Consensus was reached that Mike had authorization to write and send such a letter. Alan suggested that a copy of the letter be forwarded to Karl Kerchner of the Lebanon County Conservation District. Alicia further suggested that a copy be forwarded to the PA Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. Dave suggested that Jineen Boyle of PA-DEP also receive a copy.
5. Mike provided an update on the proposed handicapped accessible fishing area off Spruce St bridge. A design has been developed by Steckbeck Engineering, with the \$371 cost of the design shared equally by Anville Township, the Quittie Creek Nature Park Committee of the Friends of Old Anville, and the Doc Fritchey Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

6. Mike announced the Snitz Creek Waterfest in the Creekside neighborhood in North Cornwall Township (at Creekside Drive and Waterside Circle) on Sunday Aug 14, 3-5 PM, to which the Association has been invited to participate.
7. Alan reported minimal progress in the effort to identify a farmer or property owner willing to work with the Association to develop a model riparian buffer. He indicated that the group Pheasants Forever owns some property next to Quittie Creek, and that he will talk to the president of a gun club with property along the creek with regard to the NCRS Conservation Reserve Program. He indicated that he would keep the Association updated on any further developments.
8. Karen reported that Eric Jespersen, the Committee Chair of the PA Association of Flood Plain Managers, agreed to give a 20-minute presentation at the next (July 19) QWA meeting on a GIS group called [PaMAGIC](#), which is working on a USGS-funded GIS pilot project and feasibility study for an envisioned "One Water Map," intended to supplant the current national hydrologic GIS data layer for Pennsylvania, which is pretty inadequate, and provide accurate GIS data so that watershed associations, municipalities, and the Commonwealth might work more effectively to improve watershed mapping.
9. Mike reported that the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the Williams/Transco Atlantic Sunrise pipeline project is open for public comment until June 27. The proposed pipeline is projected to cross Quittie Creek near Clear Spring Road and Syner Road in North Annville Township. Mike expressed his concerns about the proposed pipeline project and requested authorization to draft a response to the DEIS on behalf of the Association. Consensus was reached that he be authorized to write such a letter (for the DEIS, see <https://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis/2016/05-05-16-eis.asp>)
10. Treasurer's report. Ann reported that the Association had \$809 in its bank account before the t-shirt purchases (which cost \$284); that the receipt of \$40 for two t-shirts leaves a current balance of \$565.
11. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem