

QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
Annville Town Hall
October 24, 2017

Present: Mike Schroeder, Karen Feather, Alicia Norris, Kent Crawford, Alan Wood, Sean Droms, Elliott Fackler

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

1. A discussion was held on Kent's draft proposal for an Environmental Internship with the Association for students at Lebanon Valley College and other nearby colleges and universities for summer 2018. Alan suggested that the Association might solicit a local company or other funding source for a stipend for the internships, perhaps from a vendor or contractor from previous stream reconstruction work. Kent suggested that Doc Fritchey Trout Unlimited might be a potential source of funds for a stipend, and said he would speak with Stephan Vegoe, Vice President of DFTU, about the prospect. Karen suggested that the Association will need to research the legal requirements for paid interns, including taxes and relevant labor laws. Sean offered that stipends count as taxable income but do not require FICA or Medicare taxes. Alicia suggested a sustainable fund, or endowment, to fund such stipends into the foreseeable future. Consensus was reached that the Association should actively pursue funding sources for \$2,000 for two summer 2018 internships. Mike agreed to ask LVC Biology professor Becky Urban about "immersive experience" credit for such internships.
2. Mike reported that he contacted a member of the Annville Free Library Board of Directors about the prospect of the Free Library dedicating a small amount of shelf space (perhaps three feet) for materials relating to the Quittapahilla watershed, and that he expects to meet with the library's Director Dee Neff in the coming weeks.
3. Alan reported that he has been working with a landowner on Syner Road to develop a plan for the restoration of some 300 feet of streambank on the north bank of Quittapahilla Creek, using root wads, boulders, and live stakes. Alan will develop the design and it is anticipated that the work will be contracted out and be undertaken in spring 2018.
4. Mike reported that a workday spreading mulch is scheduled in Quittie Creek Nature Park on Sunday, October 29 from 9 AM to 12 noon. At this point some 60 volunteers from LVC sports teams have expressed interest.
5. A discussion was held regarding appropriate ways to honor the work of Dave and Ann Lasky for their many years of work on behalf of the watershed. It was noted that Dave is now President Emeritus of the Association and an Emeritus Member of the Lebanon Valley Conservancy. It was suggested that the Association propose to the Quittie Creek Nature Park Committee that the main trail in Quittie Creek Nature Park be designated the David & Ann Lasky Trail. The possibility of a David & Ann Lasky Scholarship Fund was discussed, as was the prospect of asking Annville Township to pass a resolution in honor of Dave and Ann's work on behalf of the watershed over the past decades. Mike offered to draft such a resolution for consideration at the next meeting.
6. Treasurer's Report: Alicia reported a balance of \$1,095.72 in the Association's bank account. This balance did not include the three checks totaling \$711.84 that Mike submitted to the Treasurer, as follows:

- a. \$369.09 from Lebanon Valley Conservancy (remaining from the reconstruction work)
- b. \$242.75 from Lebanon Valley Conservancy (remaining from the reconstruction work)
- c. \$100 donation from Doc Fritchey Trout Unlimited

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem