

**QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Annville Town Hall**  
**July 17, 2018**

Present: Mike Schroeder, Karen Feather, Alicia Norris, Stephan Vegoe, Kent Crawford, Bill Wall, Joe Connor, Russ Collins

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

1. Mike reported on the nine Sunoco Penalty Grants submitted by various entities, totaling nearly \$2.9 million. All nine proposals, with location maps & site maps, are housed on the Association's website, on the [Projects & Grants page](#) and on the [Studies & Documents page](#), along with a map showing the locations of each of the nine projects.
2. Mike reported that thanks to Rocky Powell, the Association in partnership with The Lebanon Valley Conservancy also submitted two grant proposals for PA-DEP's Growing Greener Plus program – Snitz Creek Project No. 2, and Beck Creek Project No. 6 (essentially the same proposals submitted for the Sunoco Penalty Grant funds).
3. Mike reported that Rocky expects to complete and submit to PA-DEP the Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) by August 1.
4. Kent noted that the Association had discussed the possibility of Rocky offering a public presentation of the WIP in August or September. Consensus was reached that the September date is preferred, and that invitations should be extended to representatives of the Lebanon County Stormwater Consortium; municipal managers and commissioners/supervisors; the Lebanon County Commissioners; Board members of The Lebanon Valley Conservancy; members of Doc Fritchey Trout Unlimited (DFTU); our elected representatives in Harrisburg; the general public; and the press. Mike offered to be in touch with Rocky and Annville Township to identify a suitable date for a public meeting in the Annville Town Hall, and compose an invitation and press release.
5. Kent reported that Lee Irwin of Aquatic Resources Restoration Co. hopes to start the DFTU project on Lower Snitz Creek in early August, and that he expects the project will take 3-4 weeks to complete.
6. Kent raised the possibility of asking Kelly Cottingham to produce a short drone video of the Lower Snitz Creek project area before construction begins in early August. Mike volunteered to ask Kelly whether she might be able to produce such a video.
7. Kent reported that the Association's participation in brush-clearing activities in the area of the Lower Snitz Creek project would be much appreciated. He further reported that a workday is planned for tomorrow (Wed. July 18) at 5 PM across from Wenger Park ballfield (next to 325 S. Dairy Rd.), and that workdays are being organized by Russ Collins.
8. Mike reported that the Association's summer 2018 interns, Brittany Weaver and Kyla O'Connor, are currently undertaking geomorphic assessments of Beck Creek. Kent reported that he has spoken to Kyla and that she reports that all is going well.
9. Russ reported that Dauphin County undertook a process it called "return on environment" that seeks to place a dollar value on the natural resources in specific areas. He further reported that DFTU has funds available for work on smaller projects that Rocky Powell has not been focused on.
10. Mike reported on the severe erosion problems along the north bank of Quittie Creek in the Quittie Creek Nature Park, across from the seasonal wetland just upstream of where the

reconstruction work ended next to Lime Hill. He reported that he met with Annville Twp. Administrator Nick Yingst, and Public Works Director Les Powell, to discuss the problem. In that meeting, Les indicated that the erosion was getting so bad that Public Works can no longer get their equipment through, and that Public Works was considering fixing the problem by rebuilding the streambank using logs and boulders. Mike told Nick and Les that he would speak with Rocky Powell about developing a work plan for this section of streambank. Discussion was held regarding whether the Township would need a permit from PA-DEP to undertake this work; consensus was reached that it probably would, unless the work would fall under the heading of “maintenance of an existing outfall structure.” Mike volunteered to suggest to the Township that it investigate whether a permit will be required for this work.

11. Mike reported that Annville Township is now requiring volunteers working with chainsaws in Quittie Creek Nature Park to sign liability waivers absolving the Township of any liability for injuries.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem