

QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
Annville Town Hall
November 20, 2018

Present: Mike Schroeder, Karen Feather, Alicia Norris, Kent Crawford, Elliot Fackler, Alan Wood, Joseph Connor

The meeting opened at 7:01 p.m.

1. Mike announced a new policy of circulating a sign-in sheet at every meeting, with a column for the number of volunteer hours contributed to the Association since the last meeting, along with a brief description of the work performed.
2. Karen reported on progress to date on processing the Sunoco Penalty Grants (\$150,774 for Beck Creek Project 6 (of \$874,822 requested) and \$159,094 for Snitz Creek Project 2 (of \$862,666 requested). Conversations with Rocky and PA-DEP indicate that the amount granted will be sufficient for the design and permitting phases of these projects, and that funds for actual construction should be sought through via the 2020 round of PA-DEP's Growing Greener grants – by which time the Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) of August 2018 should be approved by PA-DEP and the EPA.
3. Kent reported on progress developing a spreadsheet to keep track of the Association's monitoring efforts for various projects, including dates, locations, the kinds of data required, and the individuals responsible for collecting, recording, reporting, and archiving it.
4. Kent noted that the Sunoco Penalty Grant proposal did not include funds for monitoring equipment and that such funds must be sought elsewhere. He further suggested that the Association contact the Consortium for Scientific Assistance to Watersheds (C-SAW, at <https://www.c-saw.info/>) for any needed technical assistance.
5. Kent reported that construction on the Snitz Creek project next to Wegman's Dairy on Dairy Rd. has not yet begun, and that hopes are for a January groundbreaking.
6. Kent reported that Russ Collins has been in fruitful conversations with two landowners, one on Bachman Run and another on Killinger Creek, regarding potential restoration projects.
7. Mike reported a conversation with Rocky Powell about Alan's concerns about Rocky's costs. Lively discussion ensued. Consensus was reached that it is in the Association's best interest to continue to work with Rocky for the design-and-permitting phase of our projects, and that the Association should solicit up to three bids from different firms for the actual construction.
8. Kent reported that PA Trout Unlimited's Forever Wild program offers grants of up to \$1,500 for programs like the Association's Summer 2019 Internship Program. He volunteered to submit a proposal to the program before the January deadline.
9. Alicia reported \$1,914.56 in the QWA's bank account.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem