

QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
Annville Town Hall
December 18, 2018

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

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

1. Mike reported on various website issues, mainly that the QWA registration with Network Solutions has expired, despite extensive efforts to prevent it, including many hours on the phone and online. He further reported the QWA's domain name (quittapahillawatershedassociation.org) has been purchased by a predatory firm that buys just-expired domain names in hopes their former owners will pay the ransom to get them back. He further reported that he has registered a new domain name, at **quittiecreek.org**, and that he hopes to get the website up & running again soon. Until now the website has been hosted by Lebanon Valley College, at no cost to the QWA. Mike noted that he does not know whether LVC will be able to continue to host the website, given the technical glitches that have developed with the domain expiration. He further reported that he has asked Tim Haak of Mile6.com of Elizabethtown about hosting the site, and that Tim said they could host it for \$150 per year.
2. Mike moved that the Association authorize \$150 for Mile6.com to host the QWA website for the 2019 calendar year, in the event that technical hurdles prevent LVC from hosting it. Kent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
3. Mike further moved that the Association authorize \$50 for an ad in Doc Fritchey Trout Unlimited Banquet Program. Karen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
4. Karen reported on her work on the Board of The Lebanon Valley Conservancy (TLVC) regarding ongoing and upcoming requirements for the Sunoco Penalty Grants for Beck Creek Project 6 and Snitz Creek Project 2. At this point what's needed to move forward with the grants are the signed second landowner agreements, which must be submitted to PA-DEP by the end of January 2019. Mike agreed to get paper copies of the second landowner agreements, and to be in touch with Russ about getting the forms signed by the landowners who signed the first round of landowner agreements.
5. Kent reported that he has submitted a proposal for \$1,500 to PA Trout Unlimited's Forever Wild grant for the QWA's Summer Internship Program. He further reported that funds are available from the same source for monitoring equipment, and that he has prepared and circulated a second draft proposal for \$1,500 for this equipment, for which he solicits comments and feedback.
6. Kent reported that he has drafted a spreadsheet for the QWA's upcoming monitoring obligations. Discussion ensued regarding various technical and logistical features of the monitoring program, including the types of equipment needed; recruiting volunteers to undertake the work; the scope of the obligations detailed in the August 2018 Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP); and more. It was agreed that the QWA should seek clarification from Rocky & PA-DEP about the specific requirements of the monitoring program. It was

further noted that Prof. Becky Urban at LVC has agreed to undertake or supervise her students in the biological monitoring.

7. Kent reported on the Snitz Creek Wegman's Dairy Project. On Dec. 7, Rocky and Russ completed the stake-out on the project; materials are expected to be on-site before Christmas; and groundbreaking is expected in early January.
8. Alan offered to provide a list of possible contractors for the construction phase of future projects.
9. Mike reported that the Association's summer 2018 interns have not yet completed their report, but that they expect to do so very soon (final exams just concluded at LVC). He will post the report to the QWA website once it is submitted, and once the website is up & running again.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem