

QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
Annville Town Hall
March 19, 2019

Present: Mike Schroeder, Karen Feather, Dave Lasky, Ann Lasky, Kent Crawford (by speakerphone), Russ Collins, Alicia Norris, Joseph Connor

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

1. Mike offered the reminder that the Town Hall will not be available for the Association's next monthly meeting on Tues. April 19 because the floor is being replaced. It was agreed that the meeting would take place at 7 p.m. at the Annville Grille at 103 West Main St., and that whomever would like to dine at the Grille before the meeting should arrive at 6 p.m. Joseph agreed to call ahead to reserve a table.
2. Mike reported that the South Annville Township supervisors have approved \$1,380 for the Association's Summer 2019 Internship Program, atop the hope-for \$1,500 from the Forever Wild Grant of PA Trout Unlimited, for a total of \$2,880 for two interns at 120 hours each at \$12 per hour. It is expected that the Forever Wild grant recipients will be announced by the end of March.
3. Kent reported on his efforts to research various funding opportunities for monitoring equipment, and his submission of a proposal of around \$8,000 to PPL Electric Utilities, for which he is not especially hopeful, given that most of the Quittapahilla watershed lies outside the PPL service area.
4. Upon being asked by Russ whether he planned to submit a grant proposal to PA American Water, Kent responded in the affirmative, noting the March 29 deadline, and indicating that he would circulate the draft proposal for suggested revisions before submission.
5. Kent reported that Rocky Powell is interested in hiring Skelly & Loy, Inc. to help with water quality monitoring, because the monitoring requirements are likely too onerous for the Association to undertake on its own. He noted that Doc Fritchey Trout Unlimited (DFTU) members should be approached to help, and that he, Rocky, and Skelly & Loy will be preparing a proposal to help with the monitoring obligations.
6. Regarding the Beck Creek B6 project partly funded by PA-DEP's Sunoco Penalty Grant, Russ submitted to Mike two signed landowner agreement forms for Beck 6, which Mike pledged to digitize and get to Rocky. Mike inquired about the legacy contamination and Mariner East pipeline issues for the Beck 6 project. Russ confirmed that a series of issues will make stream reconstruction in the project area a challenging prospect – including the plume of legacy contamination from the old gasoline storage site on Rt. 322, legacy pipelines only a few feet underground, and the recent construction of the Mariner East pipeline. Russ further noted that Rocky has old photos showing that at some point in the years 1955-1960, Beck Creek was moved west and straightened out, and that the reconstruction plan calls for restoring the creek to its original location and creating a new set of meanders.
7. Regarding the Snitz Creek S2 Project, Russ reported that he has yet to secure the second set of landowner agreement forms from the eight property owners in the project area, and that he would work to secure those permissions in the coming weeks.

8. Russ reported on the second Steering Committee meeting of the Hammer Creek Watershed Restoration Group on Feb. 28 that included property owners in the anticipated project area and a representative of PA-DEP. The watershed has been divided into three project segments and several grant proposals have been developed and submitted by DFTU; notably impaired is the area around Speedwell Forge. He further noted that the Hammer Creek Watershed Restoration Group has a Facebook page and invited members to “like” the page.
9. Russ reported that a property owner on Beck Creek near Rocherty Road has built a horse barn in the floodplain, in egregious violation of the prohibition against building in the floodplain, and that he has submitted a complaint to PA-DEP about the structure.
10. Karen reported on recent developments with The Lebanon Valley Conservancy (TLVC), including getting all the paperwork in order for the two grants from PA-DEP for design & permitting for the Snitz 2 and Beck 6 projects; she has spoken with Jineen Boyle at PA-DEP who had very good suggestions for moving forward; Rocky Powell subsequently revised and updated the proposals, including the scope of work and budget.
11. Karen announced TLVC’s co-sponsorship of the “Tour de Lebanon” bicycle race scheduled for Saturday, June 8 (see <https://www.bikereg.com/40458>).
12. Joseph noted that the annual Quittie Creek Nature Park Day of Caring is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 from 9 am to 12 noon; meet at the Swingholm Pedestrian Bridge on Bachman Road in Annville
13. Alicia reported a total of \$2,214.56 in the Association’s bank account.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem