

**QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Annville Town Hall**  
**October 17, 2019**

Present: Mike Schroeder, Karen Feather, Kent Crawford, Alicia Norris, Russ Collins, Bryan Hoffman, Joseph Connor

The meeting opened at 7:04 p.m.

1. **Minutes.** The minutes of the 17 September meeting were circulated before the meeting and approved by consensus.
2. **Snitz Creek Project 2.** Russ and Mike provided an update on Snitz Creek Project 2, a tributary of Snitz Creek known locally as Elizabeth Run. On Monday, Oct. 14, Russ, Mike, and Rocky Powell offered a presentation at the monthly public meeting of the Cornwall Borough Council to introduce Council to the project and ask for assistance in providing compensation to the landowner for a permanent conservation easement for the two acres needed to create the wetlands planned for the project. In the discussion that followed the presentation, Council members suggested that we meet with the Cornwall Borough Planning Commission at its next meeting of Mon. Nov. 4, explain the project and the benefits to the Borough, solicit its support, and then return to the Borough Council on Mon. Nov. 11 with the Planning Commission's recommendation.
3. **Beck Creek Project 6.** Mike provided an update on Beck Creek Project 6, just off Rt. 322 and Spangler Rd in West Cornwall Twp. On Mon. Oct. 7 in the Grace Pollack Room at Philhaven, a meeting was held on the legacy contamination issue in this area, attended by over 20 people, including representatives of PA-DEP, West Cornwall Twp, members of the West Cornwall Twp Citizen Involvement Committee, Sunoco's subcontractors AquaTerra and Evergreen, and including Mike as representative of the QWA. The spread of the legacy contamination plume is being monitored by AquaTerra and Evergreen. After the meeting Mike asked the Sunoco representatives about a letter releasing the QWA from liability for its projected work on Beck Creek, who declined to provide such a letter. Mike also asked representatives of AquaTerra about such a letter and will follow up on securing it.
4. **Snitz Creek Park Wetlands.** Mike reported that he had provided a letter of support from the QWA for a proposal prepared by Bill Wall of Steckbeck Engineering for a Fish & Boat Commission grant to restore around 1,000 linear feet along Snitz Creek by the PennDot wetlands in North Cornwall Twp, at a cost of around \$400,000; North Cornwall Township is the sponsoring entity for the grant proposal.
5. **Bachman Run Proposal.** Russ reported that he has submitted a proposal to the PA Fish & Boat Commission to restore 2,800 linear feet of Bachman Run, at a cost of around \$861,000, to be sponsored by Doc Fritchey Trout Unlimited (DFTU), to which Mike submitted a letter of support on behalf of the QWA.
6. **Lower Quittie.** Russ reported on continuing conversations with the Palmyra Sportsmen Association on envisioned projects along their properties on the Quittie's lower mainstem.
7. **2020 Summer Interns.** Kent raised the subject of funding for our 2020 summer interns, emphasizing the need for new funding opportunities to expand the scope of work undertaken

by the interns, and turn the internships into full-time summer jobs. Lively discussion ensued. Consensus emerged that the work should include not only geomorphic assessments as in past years, but also water quality and stream flow monitoring, and the work and data integrated into our larger monitoring program. It was estimated that we should seek a minimum of \$15,000 for two full-time summer interns (12 weeks at 40 hours per week at \$15 per hour = \$7,200, times two interns = \$14,400), plus compensation for project manager Rocky Powell (\$2,000) and liability insurance and incidental expenses (\$2,000), bringing the total to around \$18,400. It was agreed to frame and publicize the internships as an educational experience combining classroom instruction and training, lab training, field work, and completion of a research project. Several options for funding were discussed, including EPA and PA-DEP's Environmental Education Grant programs; it was agreed to aggressively pursue new funding possibilities.

8. **Monitoring.** Kent reported on his work on developing the monitoring program in the watershed. Permissions to install monitoring equipment on bridges have been received from property owners in most of our six monitoring locations, and efforts are ongoing to secure the remaining permissions. Field reconnaissance was undertaken by Kent and Joseph on all six monitoring locations, and efforts to identify the needed six volunteer stream monitors are ongoing; so far we have three of the six (Mike, Stephan Vegoe, and Chad Weber). Also discussed was needed tools and equipment for effective monitoring. Additional information is forthcoming soon.
9. **Neighboring Watersheds.** Russ reported on a series of watershed and flood mitigation projects in Dauphin and Lebanon counties, especially South and North Londonderry Townships and Derry Township along Spring Creek as it flows east through Hershey Park. He also reported on positive developments in the Hammer Creek watershed and growing interest among property owners and municipal authorities in addressing watershed issues.
10. **DFTU Election.** Kent announced that Russ Collins was re-elected President of the Doc Fritchey Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Hearty congratulations were extended to Russ!

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem