

QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
Annville Town Hall
February 18, 2020

Present: Mike Schroeder, Karen Feather, Kent Crawford, Bryan Hoffman, Joseph Connor, Elliott Fackler

The meeting opened at 7:03 p.m.

1. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meetings of 19 January were circulated previously via email and approved by consensus.
2. **Snitz Creek Project 2.** No update.
3. **Snitz Creek Project 4.** No update.
4. **Killinger Creek Project 5.** Kent reported on his conversations with Russ Collins regarding Russ's concerns with the design of Killinger Creek Project 5, a project proposed and to be undertaken by Bill Wall of Steckbeck Engineering. While waiting for the Conservation Fund to release the funds for the project, adjacent property owners have also expressed interest to Russ about stream restoration work on their farms. After considerable discussion, consensus was reached that any further proposals for restoration work on Killinger Creek would be developed separately from the existing Killinger Project 5. Kent noted that the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation has a grant program that requires a one-third match, and that the deadline is April 14.
5. **Monitoring.** Kent reported that we now have seven volunteers for the six monitoring stations in the watershed. He provided additional updates on the technical aspects setting up the monitoring equipment including streamflow monitors and pressure transducers. He also offered the reminder that PA-DEP has given its verbal agreement that it will undertake the water analyses of samples provided by volunteers. PA-DEP has also offered to lend some needed equipment, in addition to the equipment that will be purchased by the QWA thanks to funds provided by the Lebanon County Stormwater Consortium, including equipment to provide continuous temperature monitoring at five of the six stations (the sixth, on the Palmyra Bellegrave Road where it crosses Syner Road, already has streamflow monitoring equipment installed, and data available online; Kent will provide the URL for the data). Kent further reported that the folks at C-SAW (Consortium for Scientific Assistance to Watersheds) have been very helpful and responsive to his inquiries regarding our monitoring program.
6. **Summer 2020 Internship Program.** Mike noted that we currently have no funding sources for our envisioned Summer 2020 Internship Program. Consensus was reached that the 2020 internship program should be suspended and that we focus instead on identifying funding sources for summer 2021.
7. **Liability Insurance.** Mike reported on correspondence from POWR (PA Organization for Watersheds & Rivers) offering non-profit watershed associations like ours low-cost liability insurance. After considerable discussion, consensus was reached that the QWA's affiliated organizations (including Doc Fritchey Trout Unlimited) already have liability insurance, and that we do not need liability insurance at this time.

8. **Doc Fritchey Trout Unlimited Annual Banquet.** Joseph offered a reminder that Doc Fritchey Trout Unlimited will hold its Annual Banquet on Sat. March 14 and asked if the QWA would again like to place an ad in the banquet program. Consensus was reached that we should place an ad; Mike agreed to follow up.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem