

QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom in consequence of the global pandemic
March 16, 2021

Present: Michael Schroeder, Karen Feather, Russ Collins, Kent Crawford, Jarratt Dill

The meeting opened at 7:03 p.m.

- 1. Welcome to Jarratt Dill.** Mike welcomed visitor Jarratt Dill, who got in touch via Facebook and wrote to Mike in an email that he “has been redesigning thrift finds and doing custom apparel work for people under the name Quittapahilla Outfitters.” See his Facebook page, at https://www.facebook.com/QuittyFitters/?view_public_for=107083874757443

- 2. Summer 2021 Internship Funding Update.** Kent reported that the application he submitted to the Coldwater Heritage Partnership for funding in the amount of \$3,800 was rejected, reportedly due to stiff competition and the limited amount of funding available. Other potential funding sources will be pursued.

- 3. Wetlands on Upper Quittapahilla Mainstem.** Discussion was held on the development of “regional facilities” on the Upper Quittapahilla, as described in an email from Kent Crawford to Jim Suleski of Doc Fritchey Trout Unlimited (DFTU) dated March 10, in which Kent outlined a number of potential projects on wetlands in the Upper Quittapahilla: “In 2006, Rocky Powell produced a Quittapahilla Creek Watershed Assessment, Vol 2 - Restoration and Management Plan that provided his best recommendations for the Quittie. This document and its companion vol. 1 are excellent. They are posted on the QWA web site under “Studies & Documents” (<http://www.quittiecreek.org/documents.html>). In this document, he outlined multiple projects throughout the watershed that would benefit water quality. In the upper Quittie, he recommended wetlands (among other measures) as a way to remediate flooding and to improve water quality. Here is a summary of the wetlands he recommended for the Upper Quittie:
 - “In the vicinity of the Lebanon County Career and Technical Center, he recommended a wetland to be constructed on Tech center and Lebanon County property. No property purchase would be needed. This is immediately downstream from Metro Drive.
 - “In the vicinity of 5th Avenue, a stormwater wetland basin would be installed immediately upstream from North Lincoln Avenue. This property is owned by the Lincoln Fifth Corp.
 - “Create a wetland system upstream from State Drive. I can't pinpoint exactly where this is located, but it appears that all the land in this area is in private ownership.
 - “Construct a stormwater wetland basin immediately upstream of 22nd St. At least some of this land is owned by Lebanon County.
 - “Downstream from Chestnut Street, construct a stormwater wetland basin to provide peak attenuation and water quality management. At least some of this property is owned by Lebanon County.“So, you can see that a lot of the property in question is publicly owned. Funding for these wetlands could come from grants, Lebanon County Stormwater Consortium, CFA Act 13

funds, or any other funding source. Rocky calls these wetlands ‘regional facilities’ because they are capable of handling water from many properties as opposed to your typical ‘rain garden’ which serves a much smaller runoff area.” Russ indicated that he will be making a presentation to the Lebanon County Stormwater Consortium on these potential projects.

4. Project Updates.

- A. Beck Creek Project 6.** Russ reported that two adjacent landowners will pay the requisite \$500 application fee (\$250 each) for a Growing Greener grant for stream restoration, for which DFTU will serve as the applicant. He further reported that Evergreen and AquaTerra, the two contractors of the monitoring wells hired by Sunoco to assess and monitor the plume of legacy toxic petrochemicals in this area, will be contacted if any petroleum products are detected.
- B. Snitz Creek Project 2.** Russ reported that the project is back on track; that he recently met with the property owners and the Cornwall Borough Council President; and that he expects that the project will be moving forward soon.
- C. Snitz Creek Project 3.** Russ reported that the project is on track, and that the EPA’s questions and comments have been addressed.
- D. Bachman Run.** Russ and Kent reported that the EPA had lots of follow-up questions on the project but that it is on track and moving forward.
- E. Killinger Creek Project 5.** Russ and Kent reported that the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation grant application has been declined, and that the \$130,000 being held by The Conservation Fund is earmarked for planning and permitting the project, which will be undertaken by Rocky Powell of Clear Creeks Consulting.

- 5. Monitoring Program Update.** Kent reported that the monitoring program is still on hold in consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem