

# QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

## Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom thanks to Covid

March 15, 2022

Present: Michael Schroeder, Karen Feather, Bryan Hoffman, Kent Crawford, Joseph Connor, Courtney Reimann

The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m.

1. **Meeting Minutes.** The minutes of the February 15, 2022 meeting were approved by consensus.
2. **Grant Updates.**
  - A. Mike reported that Courtney Reimann, Executive Director of The Lebanon Valley Conservancy, had forwarded a grant possibility of up to \$10,000 from Keeping Pennsylvania Beautiful's Healing the Planet 2022, sponsored by the Giant Company, for which she said TLVC would agree to serve as the sponsoring entity. The application materials can be found at <https://www.keppabeautiful.org/grants-awards/grants/healing-the-planet-grant/healing-the-planet-2022/>. Among the eligible expenses are monitoring equipment and signage. The application period opens in early April and will be open until late April. Kent indicated that he would look into specific monitoring equipment needs. Courtney was thanked for her kind assistance.
  - B. Mike reported that he has submitted a grant request to Lebanon Solar 1, a subsidiary of Enel Corp., the Italy-based company that wants to build the solar farm in North Annville Township, for \$20,000 for two full-time college interns to undertake stream assessment work in summer 2022 on Killinger Creek, in a hoped-for continuation of our Summer College Internship Program. The North Annville Township supervisors are expected to vote on the proposed solar farm at their regular public meeting on April 5. The grant is envisioned as part of Enel's outreach to the larger community and a demonstration of its commitment to the health and well-being of the county and region.
  - C. Kent reported on two grant possibilities: (1) from PA-American Water, which we applied for last year and were rejected; and (2) PA-DCNR's C2P2 Community Conservation Partnership Program, with a deadline for the current round of funding of April 14. He did not express optimism about either prospect.
3. **Lebanon County Stormwater Consortium Update.** Bryan reported that the Consortium met this morning and is awaiting PA-DEP comments on for Phase 1 of its stream restoration plans for the Quittapahilla mainstem downstream from the end of the Hazel Dyke to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street bridge.
4. **Monitoring Update.** Kent reported that the Association's Water Quality Monitoring Program is largely at a standstill thanks to Covid and the winter weather. He expects to announce another Zoom training session soon on techniques for collecting water quality

samples. He also expressed his hope that the spring weather and waning of the global pandemic will permit resumption of the Monitoring Program soon.

- 5. Countywide Action Plan (CAP).** No update. As noted in the January meeting minutes, DEP officially announced Lebanon County will receive \$599,796 for implementation of projects in 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem