

QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom thanks to Covid
May 17, 2022

Present: Michael Schroeder, Karen Feather, Kent Crawford, Joseph Connor, Stephan Vegoe

The meeting opened at 7:02 p.m.

- 1. Meeting Minutes.** The draft minutes of the April 19, 2022 meeting were still pending.
- 2. Grant Updates.**
 - A.** Kent reported that Doc Fritchey Trout Unlimited (DFTU) has submitted a grant proposal for streamflow monitoring equipment to the Keep PA Beautiful Program's "Healing the Planet Grant" offered by Giant Foods. The proposal requested \$10,000 for the equipment (the maximum that can be requested), which will cost an estimated \$12,000, which will leave around \$2,000 remaining. It is hoped that if the grant is funded, the shortfall can be made up in part by a matching DFTU grant. A decision is expected in June.
 - B.** Mike reported that the Growing Greener Plus grant proposal by ARM Group for the section of the Quittapahilla mainstem around Spruce St. in Annville is in preparation. It is hoped that the proposal will be approved by Annville Township and submitted to PA-DEP by DFTU before the June 24 deadline.
 - C.** Mike reported that Rocky Powell is in the final stages of preparing two Growing Greener Plus grant proposals for Snitz Creek: Snitz Creek Project 4, and Snitz Creek Project 18-19. Landowner agreements have been secured for some but not all of the properties in these sections. The QWA has provided Rocky with a letter of support for each of these two proposed projects. More details will be forthcoming.
- 3. Countywide Action Plan (CAP).** Mary Kate Gallagher reported by email before the meeting on recent developments with the CAP. The Agriculture Action Team has proposed four projects that have been approved by the Leb. Co. Conservation District (LCCD) Board: two CAP funded and two funded by Conservation Excellence Grant (CEG). It is anticipated that construction will begin in the next few weeks. She further reported that seven more applications are awaiting funding approval, with one project going to the board for approval later this month. She further reported that the team is waiting to hear back about scheduling a meeting with the commissioners, the LCCD, and US Geological Survey to discuss the project proposal and introduce the idea of potential funding assistance from the county. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) may also be able to provide some funding assistance for the project.
- 4. Tabling Event.** Mike reported that he has secured a space for the QWA at Historic Old Annville Day, which will run from 9 am to 2 pm on Sat. June 11, and asked for volunteers to help staff the table. None were immediately forthcoming.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem