

QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
Virtually via Zoom
January 17, 2023

Present: Michael Schroeder, Bob Connell, Joseph Connor, Kent Crawford, Karen Feather, Bryan Hoffman, Kara Lubold, Lauren Rius, Johanna Willieme

The meeting opened at 7:02 p.m.

- 1. Minutes.** The draft minutes of the meetings of September 20, October 18, and November 15, 2022, were approved by consensus (there was no meeting in December).
- 2. Website Updates.** Mike reported that the “Projects & Grants” page on the QWA website has been revamped & updated (<http://www.quittiecreek.org/projects.html>). The top of the page now feature a map that includes all ongoing projects in the Quittie watershed that the QWA is involved with. The Studies & Documents page has also been updated.
- 3. Summer 2023 Internship Program.** Mike reported that the QWA, working in collaboration with the Lebanon County Conservation District (LCCD), is actively exploring the possibility of using CAP (Countywide Action Plan) funding for our Summer 2023 Internship Program. Discussions are ongoing but both parties are guardedly optimistic that PA-DEP will approve use of CAP funds for the program. For the same program, Mike and Kent met with the Board of The Lebanon Valley Conservancy (TLVC) on the evening of Mon. Jan. 16 to present the proposed QWA Summer Internship Program and solicit TLVC’s participation to administer the grant. Executive Director Kara Lubold reported that after our presentation, the TLVC Board voted to approve its administration of the grant, should the grant monies become available. Additional updates are expected soon.
- 4. Project Updates.** The only project update of note concerned the Quittapahilla Creek Restoration Project downstream of the Spruce St. bridge in Annville Township. In late December we learned that the PA Fish & Boat Commission has provisionally approved funding for this project pending a satisfactory project field review; see the Dec. 22 letter on the Studies & Documents page of the QWA website.
- 5. Monitoring Program Updates.** Kent reported that he has received a draft report from Professor of Biology Becky Urban at Lebanon Valley College on the results of a special project monitoring the temperature profile of Quittapahilla Creek. It is expected that the report will be finalized in the coming weeks. The report on our biological sampling from the fall is still pending.
- 6. Lebanon County Stormwater Consortium Updates.** Bryan reported that the Consortium met earlier in the day, with discussion focused mainly on stormwater basin retrofits. Discussion was also held on the floodplain restoration project in the section from the end from the Hazel

Dike in Lebanon to the 22nd St. bridge in North Cornwall Twp, construction for which is expected to start this spring. Special attention was focused on the question of long-term maintenance of the forthcoming restoration work.

7. Snitz Creek 18-19. Bob reported that he has been in touch with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and will continue to follow up. Joseph suggested that Trout Unlimited might also exert pressure on Lowe's and the property management company.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem