

**QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
ANNVILLE TOWN HALL
February 20 2014**

Present: Ann Lasky, David Lasky, Mike Schroeder, Kent Crawford

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Status of Growing Greener Grant Proposal: QWA representatives Dave Lasky, Mike Schroeder, Karen Feather, and Dave Bailey met with Rocky Powell (Clear Creeks Consulting), Ned Gibble (Lebanon Valley Conservancy), Jineen Boyle (Pennsylvania DEP) and Andrea Blosser, Section Chief of the PA-DEP's division of the Waterways and Wetlands Program, to discuss details of the Growing Greener Grant. A chief concern of the DEP is that a lot of funding is requested to remediate only a small length of stream. Rocky Powell provided details about access, size of the rock needed for the project, the large quantity of rock needed, and that a total remake of the streambed is proposed. All of these issues are expensive. There are expenses involved with transporting the rock from the quarry and with the large trucks needed to transport the large rocks for the project. DEP officials were persuaded by Rocky's presentation, and voiced their support for the project.

A large amount of paperwork needs to be filled out for the project. Rocky will take care of most of it. Dave L. is also working on it. Ned Gibble is collating everything.

There is a need to modify the in-kind contributions for project monitoring. The project period is for three years, but the proposal called for a five-year monitoring period. So the monitoring period needs to be compressed into three years. This would mean our credit for in-kind contributions would be reduced. To make up for that, we may be able to substitute more in-kind match for the rock from Pennsy Supply. Discussions are ongoing with Pennsy Supply regarding how much rock will be donated. It is hoped that the project will commence this spring.

Fish and Boat Commission Proposal: The Growing Greener Grant is for Phase I of the planned work on the Quittapahilla Creek. A proposal to extend the Phase I work has been submitted to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. Based on our knowledge that the Growing Greener funding will be a reality, R. Powell has submitted revisions for the proposal to PFBC. A meeting with PFBC was held this afternoon to discuss the revisions. PFBC is very interested in our proposal. Kent C. will serve as liaison with PFBC, both South Central Region and Headquarters.

Watershed Implementation Plan: The Watershed Implementation Plan has been revised, and sent to R Powell. The document is now 138 pages long. A letter from Kris Troup of Lebanon

County Planning Dept regarding communication with municipalities has been added. The WIP has been submitted to Rocky Powell for his review.

Quittapahilla Creek Clean-up Days: Considerable damage (fallen trees & broken limbs) was sustained during the ice storm this winter. Clean-up days are planned to clear the debris. Anyone willing to help should meet at Quittie Park at 1:00 p.m. on every Saturday 1-4 PM from March 15 through April 12. The Quittapahilla Creek Garbage Museum is sponsoring a cleanup on Saturday, April 19 from 9 AM to 12 noon.

Trout-in-the-Classroom Request: The QWA has received an e-mail from Mr. Robert Nordall, a teacher at Lebanon High School. He is interested in hosting a “Trout-in-the-Classroom” project for his class. Cyndi Camp, TIC coordinator for the Doc Fritchey Chapter of Trout Unlimited is attempting to assist with his application.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent Crawford, Secretary Pro Tem