

QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
ANNVILLE TOWN HALL
December 20, 2016

Present: Mike Schroeder, Karen Feather, Ann Lasky, Alicia Norris, Kent Crawford, Joe Connor, Sean Droms

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

1. The minutes of the meeting of Nov. 15 were approved.
2. Mike provided an update on the Cleona Quittie Creek Restoration Project. He noted that the deadline for submission of proposals for the next round of PA-DEP's Growing Greener program is Friday, January 13, 2017. To date, 16 of the 21 landowners along the creek have signed the initial permission forms from PA-DEP. Efforts to secure the permissions of the remaining property owners have largely stalled. Mike suggested a concerted effort to secure these permissions before the deadline. Joe Connor volunteered to help in this effort.
3. Kent provided an update on the projected Lower Snitz Creek Restoration Project proposal submitted to the PA Fish & Boat Commission by the Doc Fritchey Chapter of Trout Unlimited (DCTU) in collaboration with Rocky Powell (Clear Creeks Consulting) and Lee Irwin (Aquatic Resources Restoration Co.) and in partnership with the Watershed Association. Last week, the Fish & Boat Commission announced that it has approved \$115,000 of the requested total of \$147,562. (Final approval awaits action by the Commissioners of the Fish & Boat Commission, expected in January.) This leaves a shortfall of \$35,000. Kent indicated that large boulders for the project are very expensive, and that DCTU will solicit donations of large boulders from Pennsy Supply, and pursue other funding sources to make up the difference. The proposal identifies 1,200 linear feet of stream to be restored, with its lower terminus at the Dairy Road bridge. The work will stabilize the banks; provide livestock crossings; remove invasive species; erect fencing; narrow the channel; increase the stream velocity; and include installation of riparian buffers using saplings to be provided by the Donegal Chapter of Trout Unlimited. (The proposal is posted on the QWA website: Homepage > Studies & Documents.)
4. Kent provided an update on a second grant proposal to the PA Fish & Boat Commission for a scientific study of dissolved oxygen and temperature at several points along Quittapahilla Creek, submitted by Associate Professor of Biology Becky Urban of Lebanon Valley College. This \$40,000 proposal was not selected for funding. Despite this disappointing result, the proposal has been posted on the QWA website (Homepage > Studies & Documents) as a reminder of the work that remains.
5. Karen reported that the Lebanon County Conservation District, which meets on the third Thursday of each month (usually during the daytime in the winter) is looking for a new board member. Interested persons should contact Karen or Randy Leisure, LCCD Board Chairperson.
6. Alicia Norris was confirmed as Treasurer. The assembled members extended their thanks to Alicia for taking on this important role.
7. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem