

QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes Annville Town Hall May 23, 2019

Present: Mike Schroeder, Karen Feather, Dave Lasky, Ann Lasky, Kent Crawford, Alicia Norris, Russ Collins, Alan Wood

The meeting opened at 7:02 p.m.

1. Mike reported that the Conservation Fund (www.conservationfund.org/), which is administering a pot of money derived from a fine imposed on Williams/Transco Pipeline for their work on the Atlantic Sunrise pipeline, has agreed to fund Killinger Creek Project 5 in the full amount of nearly \$130,000. Bill Wall of Steckbeck Engineering, who prepared the proposal, has been informed of the decision and is following up with the two landowners involved in the project. Laurie Crawford, Executive Director of The Lebanon Valley Conservancy, has also been informed and will be administering the grant money for the project.
2. Kent reported that LVC Biology Professor Becky Urban's student Kyla O'Connor (the QWA's student intern last summer) will be undertaking the pre-construction assessment of Killinger Creek.
3. Russ reported that landowner permissions have been secured for Beck Creek Project 6, and that he is working on securing permissions from the landowners for Snitz Creek Project 2. Mike agreed to help in this effort.
4. Karen reported that she and Laurie Crawford will meet with Jineen Boyle of PA-DEP on June 24 to walk through the process of getting Rocky Powell paid for his design & permitting work on Beck 6 and Snitz 2.
5. Kent reported that we have our student interns for summer 2019 – Sara Burke (rising junior, Dickinson College) and Michael Yanchuck (May 2019 graduate of Wilkes University). He further identified the equipment needs of the interns, and after some discussion, it was determined that most of the necessary equipment can be borrowed from our friends & allies or fabricated ourselves (a long measuring tape and rod from Doc Fritchey Trout Unlimited; a clinometer from Alan Wood; field badges, which Mike will design, print & supply). Kent volunteered to prepare a “dashboard information sheet” with the necessary information for the interns.
6. Kent reported that the grant application he prepared for submission to Pennsylvania-American Water for streamflow monitoring equipment was not funded.
7. Kent further reported that he is not optimistic about the grant proposal he submitted to PPL Foundation for streamflow monitoring equipment, but that no official word has been received.
8. Kent further reported that he is working on a grant proposal for Act 13 / Marcellus Shale funds for pre- and post-construction monitoring to be undertaken by Skelly & Loy, Inc.
9. Kent raised the question of securing waders for in-stream work by our summer 2019 interns; various members present offered suggestions on waders and where to purchase them. Kent will follow up with the interns.

10. Russ provided a brief update on Trout Unlimited's initiatives in the Hammer Creek watershed with the Hammer Creek Watershed Restoration Group.
11. Russ reported that the Association's grant proposal to Trout Unlimited's Forever Wild Program for \$1,500 for monitoring equipment will very likely be funded.
12. Mike reported that Nick Yingst, Annville Township Administrator, has informed him that Annville Township has received a grant from the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to stabilize about 150 feet of eroding streambank on the north bank of Quittapahilla Creek in Quittie Creek Nature Park.
13. Russ reported that he is in conversation with members of the Palmyra Sportsmen Association regarding streambank work along approximately 2.5 miles of Lower Quittapahilla Creek near the Palmyra-Belle Grove Road bridge.
14. Russ reported that Mike Snyder of the NRCS is preparing a contract for stream restoration work on sections of Bachman Run in South Annville Township.
15. Mike announced that the Association will be staffing a table at Historic Old Annville Day on Saturday, June 8.
16. Alicia reported that the Association has \$2,065.81 in its bank account.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem