

QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
Annville Town Hall
January 21, 2020

Present: Mike Schroeder, Karen Feather, Russ Collins, Alicia Norris, Bryan Hoffman, Joseph Connor

The meeting opened at 7:01 p.m.

1. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meetings of 17 October and 19 November were circulated the day before this meeting; any corrections or suggested revisions will be forwarded to Mike.
2. **Snitz Creek Project 2.** Russ and Mike provided an update on Snitz Creek Project 2, a tributary of Snitz Creek known locally as Elizabeth Run. Discussions among Cornwall Borough, the QWA, and the landowner are ongoing. Russ reported that the landowners are asking for \$21,000 per acre (compared to the \$8,000 per acre offered by the Borough), as well as a waiver for the MS4 fee for ten years and CRP-NRCS funding. Russ further reported that he and Rocky have a meeting scheduled with the landowners in the coming week; meantime, the issue remains unresolved.
3. **Snitz Creek Project 4.** Mike reported that the PA-DEP Growing Greener application for Snitz Creek Project 4 was submitted on 19 December, in the amount of \$233,570 “to restore approximately 2,989 linear feet of Snitz Creek (Elizabeth Run) from Cornwall Road to the confluence with the Middle Fork of Snitz Creek. In addition, an existing dry detention pond serving Cornwall Hills Subdivision will be retrofitted to provide water quality management of runoff from subdivision before it discharges into the project reach.” The full application, with associated maps, will be posted on the QWA website.
4. **Killinger Creek Project 5.** Russ reported that the Conservation Fund, which is administering the grant, cannot release the funds to a for-profit organization (in this case, Steckbeck Engineering), and that the funds are on hold while technical funding details are being resolved.
5. **Bachman Run Project.** Russ reported Doc Fritchey Trout Unlimited’s proposal to the PA Fish & Boat Commission to restore 2,800 linear feet of Bachman Run, at a projected cost of around \$861,000, was not funded.
6. **Monitoring.** Russ reported that five of the six required permissions to install stream monitoring equipment in the watershed have been secured; only the monitoring station on Killinger Creek remains. Mike noted that he will be updating the QWA website to create a new MONITORING tab to keep track of the Association’s monitoring activities. Meantime, Kent Crawford (who was unable to attend this meeting) continues to develop plans for implementing the monitoring program.
7. **Summer 2019 Internship Report.** Mike reported that he continues to follow up on the final Summer 2019 Internship Report so that it might be posted on the QWA website and made available to South Annville Township, which allocated \$1,380 to the program.
8. **Summer 2020 Internship Program.** Mike raised the question of how the Association intends to fund its Summer 2020 Internship Program. It was noted in previous meetings that the decision date for Trout Unlimited’s Forever Wild Grant Program has been moved back

several months, and that it is unlikely that TU will be able to fund the program. Mike suggested that since Killinger Creek runs through Pennsy Supply's quarry, and since Pennsy has proven such a good neighbor and ally in the past, that the Association should consider soliciting funds from Pennsy Supply and, if forthcoming, also from South Annville Township. Consensus was reached that this would be a good path forward. Mike agreed to send such a solicitation to Pennsy Supply and, if successful, to follow up with a solicitation to South Annville Township.

9. **Treasurer's Report.** Alicia reported that she is preparing a financial report for calendar year 2019, listing inflows and expenditures of funds. Alicia also collected annual dues from the following QWA members in the following amounts:

Karen Feather: \$10

Mike Schroeder: \$10

Bryan Hofman: \$20

Russ Collins: \$10

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem