

QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom in consequence of the global Covid-19 pandemic
July 21, 2020

Present: Mike Schroeder, Karen Feather, Kent Crawford, Joe Connor

The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m.

1. **Minutes.** The meeting minutes of April 21, May 19, and June 16 circulated via email before the meeting were approved by consensus.
 2. **Snitz Creek Project 2.** No update.
 3. **Snitz Creek Project 3.** No update.
 4. **Snitz Creek Project 4.** No update.
 5. **Killinger Creek Project 5.** No update.
 6. **Beck Creek Project 6.** Kent reported that he had spoken with Rocky Powell the Beck 6 project, and that Rocky has been talking to representatives of Sunoco about doing the work where the recently installed pipeline under Beck Creek just downstream of where it flows under Rt. 322. Mike offered the reminder that this is the area of petrochemical legacy contamination and the subject of intensive monitoring efforts by a subcontractor hired by Sunoco to track the spread of a toxic plume of petrochemicals from the 1980s and before.
 7. **Monitoring Program.** Kent reported that he has received permission from South Annville Township to install monitoring equipment on Killinger Creek on the bridge at Killinger Road, but not yet from the landowner, which is now Hershey Co. He further reported that the training sessions are ready to go and that he will send notifications to volunteers in the coming days. He further reported that he has begun purchasing monitoring equipment with the grant money from the Lebanon County Stormwater Consortium. He further reported that his Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) is around 85 percent complete. He further reported that Russ Collins had indicated that there are Milton Hershey students interested in our monitoring efforts.
 8. **Lebanon Countywide Action Plan (CAP) Phase III WIP, Chesapeake Bay.** Mike reported on his participation on the Steering Committee of the ongoing CAP initiative being spearheaded by Mike LaSala of LandStudies, Inc. In an email to Mike S. dated July 8, in preparation for the second Steering Committee meeting, Mike LaSala offered the following:

“As mentioned at the kick-off meeting, PADEP generated a planning guide and technical toolbox to provide background information, data, and related considerations to assist with CAP development. Those documents can be acquired from the following links: Planning Guide:
<http://files.dep.state.pa.us/Water/ChesapeakeBayOffice/WIPIII/FinalPlan/Community%20Clean%20Water%20Planning%20Guide.pdf> LebCo Technical Toolbox:
<http://files.dep.state.pa.us/Water/ChesapeakeBayOffice/WIPIII/2020/Lebanon%20County%20Toolbox%2011-14-2019.pdf>
- Mike further reported that he is heartened that it appears that one consequence of this emerging CAP is that there will finally be an organization to keep track of, and perhaps coordinate, all the various initiatives being undertaken in the watershed. Kent suggested

inviting Mike LaSala to the August QWA meeting, and Mike indicated that he would be glad to do so.

9. **Trout in the Classroom.** Joseph announced that Trout Unlimited has a program called Trout in the Classroom, and suggested that the Doc Fritchey and QWA consider targeting high school science teachers to teach about our efforts in the watershed. He reported that Cyndi Camp has been leading the Trout in the Classroom effort for Doc Fritchey for years; see DFTU's website at <https://www.dftu.org/about/board/>. Joseph volunteered to reach out to science teachers in A-C Secondary School.
10. **Membership Recruitment via Chesapeake Bay Journal.** Kent reported that he tried to contact donors to the Chesapeake Bay Journal who have Lebanon County addresses but has not yet received any responses.
11. **TLVC Scholarship.** Kent announced that Jamie Lynn Kantorczyk is the recipient of the Lebanon Valley Conservancy's 2020 Richard H. and Karen R. Light Memorial Scholarship. Kantorczyk received a \$2,500 scholarship to assist in her pursuit of education in the field of environmental sciences, specifically agricultural engineering; she is currently a senior at Palmyra Area High School. See the announcement on TLVC's website, at http://www.lebanonvalleyconservancy.org/scholarships_awards.php.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem