

QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom in consequence of the global pandemic
July 20, 2021

Present: Michael Schroeder, Karen Feather, Kent Crawford, Bryan Hoffman, Joseph Connor, Courtney Reimann

The meeting opened at 7:02 p.m.

- 1. Countywide Action Plan (CAP) Data Management Action Team (DMAT) and Stormwater Consortium Updates.** Bryan offered updates on the CAP-DMAT's efforts to keep track of various watershed-related projects in Lebanon County and develop a process by which to archive and access information related to these projects. He characterized these ongoing efforts as a "big challenge" but also essential to the long-term success of projects intended to improve the water quality in the watershed. Key questions that remain are: who undertakes this tracking and archiving work? Who pays for it? At what cost? Bryan further reported on today's meeting of the Lebanon County Stormwater Consortium, with some discussion focusing on the floodplain restoration project envisioned for the area from the end of the Hazel Dike to the 22nd Street bridge in North Cornwall Township.
- 2. Additional CAP Updates.** Mike reported on several developments with the Countywide Action Plan process.
 - A. Logo Contest.** The Lebanon County Conservation District has announced that Justin Moyer is the winner of the CAP Logo Contest. The runner-up is Kayla Shuman, with third place going to Ilyse Zincone. The awards will be presented at the July 15 LCCD Meeting.
 - B. Watershed Action Team.** The Watershed Action Team met on July 1 on Zoom, attended by Bethany Canner, Mary Kate Gallagher, and Mike Schroeder. Updates were provided on the logo contest, and on two stream restoration projects in the Hammer Creek watershed suggested by Russ Collins: the first on the Zimmerman property in the amount of \$36,200, and the second for the Shuey property in the amount of \$71,200. Mary Kate also reported that the Lebanon County CAP has been accepted into the USDA's Conservation Excellence Grant (CEG) program.
 - C. Agriculture Action Team.** The Ag Action Team has several projects going to the LCCD Board approval, including a manure storage project.
- 3. Beck Creek Project 6 Update.** Mike and Kent provided updates on Beck Creek Project 6 based on the two documents prepared by Rocky Powell of Clear Creeks Consulting, Inc. for the Lebanon Valley Conservancy, which is the grant recipient for the project. Those two documents dated May 29, 2021 are housed on the Studies & Documents page of the Watershed Association's website (at <http://www.quittiecreek.org/documents.html>).
- 4. Historic Old Annville Day, Sat. Aug. 14, 9 am—2 pm.** Mike reported that we are all set for the Watershed Association's table at HOAD, which will be adjacent to the table of Quittie Creek Nature Park, and which will be seeking to raise public awareness about the CAP

process in Lebanon County. Joseph volunteered to help staff the table, as did 13 year-old Alyssa Witmer of the Quittie Creek Nature Park Committee, who will be bringing her handmade watershed model to demonstrate the problems associated with excessive runoff of sediment, nitrogen, phosphorous, and livestock manure.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem