

**QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Via Zoom thanks to Covid**  
**January 18, 2022**

Present: Michael Schroeder, Karen Feather, Bryan Hoffman, Courtney Reimann

The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m.

- 1. Meeting Minutes.** The minutes of the Nov. 16, 2021 meeting were approved by consensus.
- 2. Donation Received.** Mike reported receipt of a \$150 donation from Annville Township. He will send a letter of thanks to the township commissioners.
- 3. Countywide Action Plan (CAP) Update.** Mike reported that Mary Kate Gallagher, who was unable to make the meeting, submitted the following updates:
  - For 2021:
    - First year of implementation funding we started with four projects: two agricultural (Ag) and two non-Ag
    - The two Ag projects have been completed (manure storages)
    - The two watershed projects have been delayed due to permitting issues, set to be completed in early 2022
    - In August, we were accepted into the Conservation Excellence Grant (CEG) program and received additional funding to implement more Ag BMPs and have started receiving applications for 2022 projects.
  - And for 2022:
    - We started accepting applications for 2022 CAP Funding and have had a really good response from the Ag community as far as interest in cost share for BMPs, still working on receiving more from non-ag applicants.
    - Application can be found on website or can be mailed if requested.
    - DEP officially announced Lebanon County will receive \$599,796 for implementation of projects in 2022.
- 4. Snitz 2 Update.** See the compilation of documents, top item on the page, here: <http://www.quittiecreek.org/documents.html> The Kralls have finally settled with Cornwall Borough for the 2.15 acres needed for the project to move forward. See also the link to the PDF file of the Dec. 8 *StateImpact* article by Rachel McDevitt focusing on Russ Collins and his efforts to protect Snitz Creek (direct link: [http://www.quittiecreek.org/documents/Snitz\\_2/211208\\_StateImpact\\_SnitzCreek\\_RachelMcDevitt.pdf](http://www.quittiecreek.org/documents/Snitz_2/211208_StateImpact_SnitzCreek_RachelMcDevitt.pdf)).
- 5. Lebanon County Stormwater Consortium.** No update to speak of from Bryan, except looking ahead to the Quittie Creek Project, with groundbreaking probably not till 2023.
- 6. Monitoring.** No report.

7. **Student interns 2022.** Discussion postponed.

8. **Some recent news items of interest noted:**

- "DEP 2022 Water Quality Report Shows 27,886 Miles of Streams With Impaired Water Quality In PA (33%) - An Increase From 25,468 In 2020": <http://www.paenvironmentdigest.com/newsletter/default.asp?NewsletterArticleID=54558&SubjectID=>
- "Penn State To Survey Farmers In 14 Counties On Their Use Of Conservation Practices": <http://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2022/01/penn-state-to-survey-farmers-in-14.html>
- "PA contends its new cleanup plan will meet Bay goals," Karl Blankenship in the *Bay Journal*, Jan. 13: [https://www.bayjournal.com/news/policy/pa-contends-its-new-cleanup-plan-will-meet-bay-goals/article\\_807d19e0-7469-11ec-83d5-6778421cdf0e.html](https://www.bayjournal.com/news/policy/pa-contends-its-new-cleanup-plan-will-meet-bay-goals/article_807d19e0-7469-11ec-83d5-6778421cdf0e.html)
- "Getting PA to pay for the bay: New commission chair Rep. Keith Gillespie faces tough task," Mike Argento, *York Daily Record*, Jan. 13, 2022: <https://www.ldnews.com/story/news/2022/01/13/state-rep-named-pa-chair-chesapeake-bay-commission-faces-tough-task/9198111002/>

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem