

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
JUNE 19, 2012
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 18 members present. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was then passed accepting the May 15, 2012 minutes. Ed mentioned that we are taping the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Deposits	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Account</i>
			Dam
	Jack Calandra	5,000.00	Cleanout
	Slovikosky Stone and Mulch	250.00	Fish Fund
	Leyo's Supermarket	100.00	Fish Fund
	Paul Kenner Construction	25.00	Fish Fund
	Ticket Sales	2,543.00	Fish Fund
	Chair/Rod raffle	79.00	Fish Fund
	50/50	197.00	Fish Fund
	Food Sales	355.50	Fish Fund
	Donations	78.50	Fish Fund
	Clean Streams Fdn.	260.00	Gen Fund
	Mtn. Top Sportsmans	250.00	Dam Cleanout
	Allegheny Mtn. Safari Club	500.00	Dam Cleanout
	Dean Twp	300.00	Dam Cleanout
	Ashville VFW	1,000.00	Dam Cleanout
Expenses			
	Green Springs Trout Farm	(1,600.00)	Fish Fund
	Matt Wharton	(250.00)	Fish Fund
	George Yartin	(150.00)	Fish Fund
	Mandie Manning	(100.00)	Fish Fund
	Penn Cambria	(140.00)	Reveg 319
	Earl Smithmyer	(8.98)	Gen Fund
	John Slovikosky	(1,265.00)	FW Reveg
	J-Town Johns	(95.40)	Fish Fund
	Mahaffey Labs	(25.00)	Gibson
	Mahaffey Labs	(75.00)	Swank
	Smithmyer Plumbing	(320.72)	KL-2

Listed above are the deposits and expenditures for the past month. A **motion** by Shawn Simmers and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was passed authorizing the payment of all

invoices and to accept the Treasurer's Report. Please see attached Treasurer's report for the General and Grant Accounts.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry stated that he had received a few e-mail correspondences this past month. He had contacted Penn Cambria Middle School for the busing invoice. He also had sent out 13 thank you letters with copies of the newspaper pictures from the fishing derby. He has 2 pending to send out. He has been working with Don Sheridan on a solicitation letter to Sheetz, Inc. for the dam cleanout project.

Membership Committee:

There was nothing new to report under membership.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ray stated that he had a copy of the recent article in The Mainliner and the pictures from the fishing derby. Special thanks to Justin Eger for this great coverage. Michelle had a magazine article that mentioned Dr. Brennan, Penn State Professor, and her recent patent for the use of Chitin to treat AMD. Much of her research was from the Chitin project at KL-1. Dick had an article for Ray from The Progress on the Potts Run Assessment project (Potts Run is a tributary of the Clearfield Creek in Clearfield County).

Katie mentioned that we have 28 friends on our Facebook page. One friend mentioned the great job that CCWA is doing.

Finance Report:

Larry stated that he would defer any report until the Dam Cleanout Committee report.

Grant Committee:

Dan mentioned that CCWA received a notice that we were turned down by Sheetz Corporation for a donation to our fishing derby. Unfortunately, we did not meet the timeframe required by Sheetz for any donation request.

Cleanup Committee:

June 10th cleanup results: Originally we were going to cleanup Route 36 from Ashville to the Buckhorn but since someone else has adopted this section of highway we did our normal section of Route 53. Cleanup went well even though we only had 13 people. Each group had a fairly long section of highway to cover. There was not nearly as much litter as in the spring cleanup. Volunteer are always needed so please keep this in mind for the upcoming August cleanup.

Dam Cleanout Committee:

Earl stated that we drained the Laurel Run Sportsman's dam on June 15th. This will give it approximately one month to dewater. The steel plates that are the plugs and were pulled for the drawdown are worn out and will have to be replaced.

Earl mentioned that we are very close on the money needed for this project and that we are continuing to solicit donations. We are still waiting to hear from Ed Bender on the possible use of one of his bulldozers for this project. Naturally, this depends on availability of this equipment. Discussed was the necessity to take some money out of the Working Capital Account, if we are short of funds. The following motion was passed: A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Larry Sutton to borrow money out of the Working Capital Fund to finish the Dam Cleanout Project with the intention to reimburse this fund from our continued fund raising and donations.

The following motion was also passed: A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dan McMullen to move the money that was placed in the General Fund- \$1,758.31- from the capped 2011 Fish Fund into the Dam Cleanout Fund.

Lastly, Shawn mentioned that we may be able to rent a pump for the dam cleanout project from Best Line Rentals in State College at a reasonable price. Also, discussed was sending a grant application to the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds for this project.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was presented by Art Rose, Chairman of the Tech Committee Art Rose. **Tech Committee Report- June 19, 2012**

Klondike Project A series of samples was collected on 6/19 to check on the operation of various ponds and treatment systems. We will probably drain the vertical flow pond later this month to evaluate how to improve the treatment effectiveness, which has been low recently. We also expect to connect the slag bed and bury the pipe in the near future.

West Ferris Wheel We now have the contract for the Phase 2 construction grant, and will be putting the project out to bid in the near future. The discharges were sampled on 6/19.

The following motion by Art Rose and seconded by John Strittmatter was passed: A **motion** to accept the contract for the Phase II Construction at the West Ferris Wheel site and to authorize President Ed McMullen to sign this contract.

Gibson Project The discharge was sampled on 5/31.

Brubaker Project The 3 sites were sampled on 6/19.

Amsbry Project No activity. The design and permitting contract ends on 6/30/12, and a report is due.

Swank Project The system was sampled on 5/31, including a sample about halfway down to check on the treatment by the clean limestone compared to the iron-coated limestone. Flow remains very high.

Trout Investigations Shawn Rummel of Trout Unlimited is collecting brook trout for a study of genetic isolation of local populations. He may sample some fish in our area, and I have sent him the Clearfield Creek Assessment Report.

History- Book based on local area Ron Jenkins grew up near Flinton, and has written an exciting fiction story about teenagers and life in the area in the 1960's. The book is "The

Flynn City Egg Man.” He may be moving back to the area and has expressed an interest in our work to improve Clearfield Creek, which he greatly enjoyed growing up.

Data Logger- Bryan Rabish noted that he can e-mail Art with the data, collected by Nate Marsh from the Conservation District, that is on the stick purchased by CCWA.

Ace Drilling Site- Ray, Dick and Earl mentioned that sampling for this quarter was done in June. They noted that some work has been done on the ponds and piping at the site.

The Following Was Michelle Merrow’s Report:

Ferris Wheel Revegetation Phase 2—The majority of the work was completed in April, and the site was fertilized in May. Grass is growing well.

Michelle gave copies of financial reports to Art and Dane, which brings us up to date with finances and reporting. Michelle needs any invoices, such as lab bills and bills from Slovikosky. The group discussed extending the grant so that the \$6700 supplement for fertilizer, most of which remains, can be spent in the spring.

West Ferris Wheel—A bidders list was presented and approved. A pre-bid meeting was set for July 20, 2012. The estimated start date is September 30, 2012 due to restrictions on clearing and grubbing due to birds and bats. We should expect that clearing and grubbing and access will occur this fall, with the bulk of construction to occur in the spring.

Amsbry- Michelle gave design data to Art for his final review, and asked for any last expenses from him. Art will drop that info off.

Gibson-Halstock—Michelle looked at cut and fill volumes to install the limestone channel so Art can decide if they want to include that portion of the work or not. A cost estimate will be prepared for August 3, 2012, to apply for EPA 319 funds.

Morgan Run Ross—Construction is moving full steam ahead. A mine pool was encountered, and flows went from 20 to approx. 2500 gpm in the matter of a few minutes. The bypass handled the flow, and flows are slowly receding.

Michelle asked Dane about payment for invoice 2, which is to be paid by CCWA from OSM funds that are in place. Dane is still working on getting everything in place for electronic transfer of these funds.

Morgan Run 7—Construction is ongoing. It is going slow due to heavy rains from thunderstorms on a frequent basis. Maintenance of the E&S controls has been hard due to high flows. The ACOE permit renewal requested some time ago has finally arrived.

MR Tuff-Rachel Kester and Jennifer Demchak installed sensors to monitor water temperature in the system.

Dimeling-Bids were received for the Dimeling project, which is being conducted by New Miles of Blue Stream. The low bidder was Smith Lumber from Renovo, but their bid was rejected and the contract awarded to BioMost.

Old Business:

Fishing Derby Review: We are happy to report that the fishing derby was a huge success: The weather was beautiful, 112 kids participated, 121 tickets were sold the day of the derby, \$197 in 50-50 sales. Rebecca Holler, TU, and her hands-on learning was a huge success with the kids. Justin Eger spent a lot of time at the fishing derby and took some great pictures for the article in The Mainliner.

It is hard to thank everyone who helped to make the fishing derby such a successful time. We do want to thank Ray for taking care of the tickets. Special thanks to Bob for everything that he does, from soliciting donations, selling lots of chances, ordering the fish, purchasing and giving out the prizes. And yes he is NOT retiring from his fishing derby duties.

New Business:

Potts Run Assessment Meeting: Dick reported that he and Mabel attended the meeting on the Potts Run assessment. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the public and landowners of the upcoming assessment of the stream.

Barry Zaffuto Promotion: We want to congratulate Barry on his new assignment by the PA Game Commission to the North Central Region of the State as Land Manager.

TU Stream Shocking: Personnel from TU will be on-site on Monday, June 25th to shock a section of Clearfield Creek below the Amsbry bridge. Ed mentioned that he had informed Al Colian from the PA Fish & Boat Commission.

Weir Replacement: We will be meeting on Tuesday, June 26th to replace the weir on Little Laurel Run.

Geo Cache Placement- Eric mentioned that CCWA should consider placing some of our sites on the geo cache system. Caching is a treasure hunt where participants use a GPS coordinates to get them within a few feet of a specific location and then, using clues, they find hidden items that vary in size from very tiny to something as large as a bucket. It would take some work to set up and register our sites on the official website but it would be a great way to get the public out to our sites to see first-hand what CCWA has accomplished. This will be discussed further at a future meeting. Any volunteers?

Next Meeting: July 17, 2012, Laurel Run Sportsman's, Dysart 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: On a **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Dick Dotts the meeting was adjourned.