

CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2010
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The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 14 members present. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Alene Smithmyer was then passed accepting the August 17, 2010 minutes. Earl mentioned that we are taping the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report Continued:

A printed treasurer's report was not available at this time. Dane gave a verbal report. However, the following motion was passed at the September meeting.

A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ed McMullen was passed authorizing the payment of all invoices and to accept the verbal Treasurer's Report.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry stated that he had a few e-mail correspondences this past month. Rob Clauto dropped off the used file cabinet for future CCWA use.

Membership Committee:

Jerry stated that he received 1 new membership in the mail this past month. This will be applied to the 2011 membership.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Dick provided Ray with an article from The Progress newspaper. Ray was asking for additional pictures taken at the fishing derby for the historical book. Lorie Clauto had printed some of the additional pictures from the CCWA camera.

Finance Report:

Larry is waiting for a draft copy of an endowment from Mike Kane. This will be reviewed to make sure it fits our expectations.

Larry stated that he has been in touch with Betsy Lehman, marketing professor at St. Francis University. She is very interested in helping us with a new brochure, CD, etc.

Larry intends to use this updated informational package to approach another potential corporate donor for the capital account.

Grant Committee:

Neither Shawn nor Dan were able to attend this month's meeting. We still have not heard anything from Home Depot.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was submitted by Art Rose, chairman of the Tech committee.

Tech Committee Report-September 21, 2010

Klondike Project The experimental cells of the crab shell tests were completed and put into operation, though one cell has plugged and been restored to operation. The flow has been very low the past month (about 5 gpm). The slag bed is being held up by permitting delays – the permit application was submitted a month ago but no response. A weir was installed on KL-1 outflow as a class project by St. Francis University students in Environmental Engineering. The outflows at KL-1 and KL-2 were sampled on 9/21.

West Ferris Wheel Project A proposal for construction was submitted in the Growing Greener format on 9/17/10. This submission is required as a supplement to the earlier EPA 319 submission. Discussions with EPA 319 personnel suggest that we may receive only about half the funds this year, enough to build the anoxic limestone drains. The vertical flow pond would be postponed a year. A request for landowner agreement was submitted to Attorney Neugebauer for the Cooney Trust. Permitting is still ongoing for the construction. A six-month extension of the design and permitting grant was requested in case of any unforeseen requirements of the permitting.

Gibson Project A proposal in Growing Greener format was submitted on 9/17, to supplement the earlier EPA 319 proposal. Discussions on a landowner agreement including a Good Samaritan agreement were submitted to Bender Coal and are being considered.

Glasgow Project When visited recently, there was no flow into the treatment system.

Blandburg Project An active treatment system for this discharge has been designed, and construction is expected to start in the next month or so.

Muddy Run Project Copies of the report are available.

Amsbry Project No activity.

Swank 13 Project. We need to work with the Game Commission to get the road constructed.

Brubaker Project A visit to Brubaker by a group from Penn State is planned for 9/22, to investigate precipitation of iron and bacterial effects. The Brubaker report was sent to the Corps of Engineers, and they have been in contact with Hedin Environmental as a contractor for an evaluation.

West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition At a meeting on 9/14, it was mentioned that grants for AMD work might be available from PENNVEST funding. Also, one member indicated that PA DCNR has a program of tree planting in which volunteer organizations can be paid for planting trees – see their website. Potential help with our brochure may be obtainable from Trout Unlimited/WBSRC.

Chitin Project: Jessica reported that the #3 tank is working. A new orifice had to be installed, thanks to the help of Earl. They have sampled the effluent water. No results are available, at this time.

Ace Drilling Site: Earl reported that he and Dick sampled this site a couple of weeks ago. They were able to do their flushing but were unable to do any water sampling due to low water flow.

Old Business:

Gary Haluska Grant: Ray stated that he has once again talked to Trudy at Gary Haluska's office. She reported that grants have not been awarded yet but she has our phone number and information. It was suggested that a meeting be set up with representative Haluska to discuss this grant.

Fencing for Trees-Klondike site-Dane picked up the fencing on September 21st. A work day for this project was set for Tuesday, September 28th beginning at 4:30 PM. We hope to finish fencing around the Krug stream area and then finish installing the poles and fencing at KL-2. Reseeding around the Chitin tanks will also be done.

CCWA Brochures-Update: Earl had the 50 new brochures from Brian to be used at the Apple Cider Festival. Discussed at last month's meeting was the need for something identified with CCWA to be given away at an event such as the Cider Festival. Dane reported on several different items: key chains, pens, postit notes, or small bags. After a brief discussion it was decided for that we would look further at our options. This matter was then tabled until the October meeting.

TU Stream Assessment: Art had a copy of the stream assessment from TU. Rachel Kester had sent an e-mail informing us that she will attend the October meeting to review this report.

New Business:

Cleanup-September 26th: this roadway and stream cleanup is the last cleanup of the season. Earl reminded us that we will be meeting at 9AM in Dysart but at the Municipal building across the road from the entrance to the Sportsman's. Jerry is to pick up some supplies from PennDOT. Lunch will be provided.

Winter Meeting Site-Earl mentioned to the members present that we are, once again, looking at Prince Gallitzin Park office for our winter meeting site. He will contact the park office to make arrangements.

Apple Cider Festival-October 3rd-CCWA will have a display at the Apple Cider Festival. Bryan will be hauling down the tables and chairs needed.

PA Game Commission Trees-500 trees were ordered for Spring of 2011. Some of these may be planted on the approximate 11 acres of the first Ferris Wheel Revegetation site.

Trout in the Classroom Project-Penn Cambria- Mr. Baird, Principal at the Penn Cambria Middle School, had requested a \$250.00 donation to support the Trout in the Classroom project again this school year. Members present felt it was a very

worthwhile educational program for the students. A **motion** by Larry Sutton and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed authorizing a donation of \$250.00 for the TIC project. This money will be taken out of the general fund account.

Upcoming Elections/Committee- nominations for the position of President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and one Board member will be accepted beginning at the November meeting. A small committee will be needed to oversee these elections. President Smithmyer wanted members to think about who they would like to elect for these positions

Signage- Art suggested that CCWA should possibly refurbish or replace the Laurel Run Sportsman's sign along route 53 in Dysart. It is hard to see and easy to miss for someone trying to find a meeting, cleanup, etc. Laurel Run Sportsman's club is generous in letting CCWA use their facilities. After a brief discussion Earl stated that he could perhaps paint the sign and we could provide new poles for a base.

Next Meeting:

October 19, 2010, Laurel Run Sportsman's, Dysart, 6:30 PM.

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