

CCWPA

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION — BY ZOOM September 15, 2020, 7 pm

Note: this is not a TRANSCRIPT of the meeting, but a redaction of it by topic and subject. Content has been re-arranged in the interest of clarity.

Meeting called to order by Paula Zankel at 7 pm. Voting Members Present: Paula Zankel, Mike Blum, Ryan Evans, John and Melanie Mimmall, Brett Zankel, Sherry McLain, Karen Stilp, Don Rank, Mary Hochendorner, Arlene Taylor, Denise Scotland; GUESTS (non-voting): Kyle Kuntz, Roxann Redd-Wallace, Tim Ostermayer. All who registered to attend, were in attendance.

A quorum was attained (a quorum requires 4 or 10% of the voting membership; since we do not have 40 voting members [see below], 4 is the number to achieve).

Mike Blum used the ZOOM screen-sharing feature to send an Agenda to the participants.

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** by Paula Zankel, who thanked the members and guests for joining the ZOOM meeting, from the comfort, safety and security of their homes. Paula noted that usually we meet at or outside the Ag building on Clarks Valley Road, but due to the Pandemic, we are meeting “virtually.” All introduced themselves, individually, and briefly mentioned how and why they are devoted to the Watershed.
2. Treasurer’s Report: **Sherry McLain**. She reports the current balance is **\$2,106.65** and that it has been holding steady. On a motion by Brett Zankel, seconded by Mike Blum, the Treasurer’s Report was accepted without discussion or questions.
3. Membership Report: **Karen Stilp**. She reports that our current PAID Membership numbers 19 Lifetime Members, 10 Individual Members and 2 Non-profit Memberships. Total = 31. Renewals have gone out and a few are still replying. Karen sends out renewal notices on the date of payment.
4. Committee Reports:

- a. Adopt-a-Highway Committee: **Mike Blum** gave an update of operations since the last Annual Meeting. He reported on the results of FALL 2019 session on October 19, 2019, and that CCWPA received a GRATEFUL APPRECIATION Certificate from the Ocean Conservancy and International Coastal Cleanup. He reported that the May 2020 session had been cancelled due to the Pandemic, and that September 26, 2020, would be the next Adopt-a-Highway session, the 19th such; Mike showed the FLYER to be distributed, asking for volunteers. Mike described how these events are handled, including that masks would be provided for all. These events are registered with the Great American Cleanup of PA. Mary Hochendorner reminded us all that Spring 2021 would be our 20th Session and our 10th Anniversary (the first session being in 2011). Brett Zankel commented on our neighbor sessions -- a local Boy Scout troop does the 2 miles to the west of us. Rain date is October 3. Mike Blum went over details of the session.

b. Web and Facebook. **Mike Blum** showed screen pictures of the CCWPA Web Site and Facebook pages. He showed statistics for Facebook page (133 likes) and Web Site (417 visits in the past year) usage. Mike noted that every Annual Meeting minutes are posted for the public, and that all Board meeting minutes are posted privately, as possible and if they exist, for the Board to review. Mike noted that the Facebook page includes many wildlife photos and some “Albums” of interest, including the Board’s visit to DeHart Dam.

5. Other Organization Meetings Attended: **Paula Zankel** reported on her attendance at the Litter Summit in Harrisburg. She mentioned that CCWPA is active with the Source Water Protection Board with Capitol Region Water (Tanya Dierolf), and that their next meeting would be in early October. Paula mentioned that CRW and the USArmy are on good terms with timbering and use of the land. Mary Hochendorfer asked about whether the Source Water and CRW were aware of our concerns about Emergency Evacuation in the event of a DeHart Dam failure. Paula Zankel mentioned that we continually mention this to Bob Rusbatch and as part of our Emergency Management Committee attendance. Mike Blum mentioned that we have not given up on getting the SIREN.

6. Detweiler Park Dauphin County Master Plan Committee: **Paula Zankel** represents CCWPA on this Committee. Their next PUBLIC Virtual MEETING is September 21. Paula mentioned that she had seen the preview, and hoped all could attend the meeting. She also mentioned an in-person presentation Open House at Fort Hunter before the virtual meeting. Paula reported on the excellent work of the contractor (on-site despite the Pandemic) and how the plans have evolved, much as a result of public input and needs, including no ballfields; rest rooms added; safety helicopter pad for rescue ops; ADA-access in large part; etc. There will also be DCAC improvements to the FISHING AREA (better restrooms; better access; walkway to more safely cross Rte. 325). She reports that the Detweiler family is very pleased with the ongoing work of the Committee and the County. Paula urges all to keep in touch with the planning process and hopes the public will be enthusiastic. Mike Blum thanked Paula for being a loyal member of the Master Plan Committee and for keeping CCWPA informed of progress.

7. Election of Board Members.

Paula Zankel supervised the Election of Board Members; one of the primary business matters at the Annual Meeting is the election of Board Members to 2-year terms. The current Board presented the following slate:

Mike Blum
Ryan Evans
Arlene Taylor
Brett Zankel

Paula asked for any other members interested in joining the Board -- with the above, plus continuing members John Mimnall, Sherry McLain and Paula Zankel, we will have 7 members, and we are permitted to have as many as 9.

Mike Blum then moved to close the nominations; seconded by Brett Zankel. These were

approved by all voting members present.

Election of Officers and Committee Assignments for 2020-2021 will be done at our next Board meeting following the Adopt-a-Highway session of September 26, more or less at 12:30 pm on 9/26/2020.

8. Future Programs

Paula Zankel mentioned that “we do more than just pick up trash” -- we are planning more awareness functions and watershed preservation participatory functions for 2021. It is hard to schedule things with the Pandemic raging, but we try. Mike Blum commended Paula for her efforts.

Mike Blum mentioned that his family has just sold 404 acres to the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy, up on Peter’s Mountain, to be given to the National Park Service and to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, to change private land to public land and public use, including hunting, bird-watching, hiking, etc. These acres had been in the family since about 1912. Paula Zankel commented that this was just like the Blum family did creating “Bailey’s Grove” (the family name from Harrisburg was Bailey).

9. Other Questions or Business

Mary Hochendorer asked about the parking lot food sales at 3Bs -- Kyle Kuntz identified this as a commercial FOOD TRUCK, usually selling out of the 3B parking lot on Friday afternoons. It might be related to permit issues, but all were aware that the audience or customers of these were usually not masked or observing COVID-19 safety protocols, and this might be a danger.

Arlene Taylor thanked Mike Blum for setting up the ZOOM meeting.

Tim Ostermayer described the MASTER WATERSHED PROGRAM CLASS seminars that are open for registration. He mentioned the opportunities for hands-on volunteer work planting trees and maintaining riparian buffers, that this class creates. The cost is \$150 per person, and admission is by test, and then requires 50 hours of volunteer work and 10 hours of class work, per year, to stay current. The program is recommended it very much, and says that it is superior to the Forest Stewardship Program in terms of follow-up and continuity.

Paula Zankel received a Master Watershed Steward program flyer from Penn State -- Mike Blum will distribute via e-mail.

Arlene Taylor mentioned that she participated in FARM PRACTICE zoom seminars, about how farmers were improving their practices to help the watersheds into which effluent might flow. Paula Zankel mentioned how lucky the Clarks Creek watershed is, in having few of the usual pollution-causing elements. All we have is the ROAD, and thanks to our efforts and the efforts of other groups, we are improving that. Paula mentioned that we are trying to keep the SPEEDING issue on the front burner.

Mike Blum thanked Paula Zankel for her leadership for the past 4 years.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Blum".

Michael Blum, Secretary, 11/28/2020