

Clarks' Creek Watershed Preservation Association

Minutes of the May 25, 2010 meeting

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY JUNE 15, 7:00 PM.

The fourth meeting of the Clark's Creek Watershed Preservation Association was held on May 25, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Dauphin County Agricultural building. 15 people were in attendance. Sherry McLain called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and the group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The attendees went around the room to introduce themselves.

The minutes of the May 4 meeting were distributed and read by all; there were 2 corrections: the date of the meeting was recorded on the minutes as May 7, and Mike Yanchuck will FOLLOW UP the Penn DOT permits for the culverts on state route 325 with the conservation district and the state, this is not yet resolved. Larry Hochendoner moved and Brett Zankel seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report: Karen Stilp, the ad-hoc treasurer, reported that we now have a Mid-Penn checking account with a balance of \$100 (\$40 gift by Karen Stilp), and an EIN. One signature (Karen Stilp) is authorized to the account.

OLD BUSINESS

Mission Statement. Larry Hochendoner and Linda Brindle presented the mission statement that was drafted by their committee. The goal of the committee was to be inclusive and provide a base for future projects that the Association might wish to undertake. Gene Stilp noted that the expression "wise use" could be used to refer to the anti-environmental Wise Use movement of the Western States. Annette Blum provided an on-line definition " which advocates public rights over private rights and environmentalism". The phrase was then stricken from the mission statement. After extensive discussion, Gene Stilp moved and Mary Hochendoner seconded to accept the following mission statement, which was approved by the meeting attendees

The Mission of the Clark's Creek Watershed Preservation Association (CCWPA) is to preserve, protect and enhance the environmental integrity of Clark's Creek, and to advocate the conservation and sustainability of its natural resources while promoting restoration and safety within the watershed.

Thanks to the Mission Statement committee of Larry, Linda, Brett Zankel and Joe Lauver II.

Name of the creek: Clark Creek or Clark's Creek? Mike Yanchuck told us that the USGS has a policy for requesting a rename of bodies of water. It is officially on record as Clark Creek.

Type of organization: Larry Hochendoner noted that the State Bureau of Charitable Organizations sets the rules. To be a 501-type organization, we need another 501 organization to sponsor (incubate) us. PAWATERSHEDS.ORG has an "organizational notebook" that is available. This group, which is supposed to be on Locust Street in Harrisburg, can't readily be

located and does not return phone calls. WATERWORDSTHATWORK.com is a helpful resource website. Linda Brindle volunteered to find resource organizations and the organizational handbook for watershed organizations. Linda will head an "operations work group" to survey related organizations and come up with some draft bylaws.

Outreach: Karen Stilp presented a list of locations in Dauphin and Tower City to post flyers. The group suggested that local churches be added to the list. We will suspend outreach for new members until we have developed bylaws to define membership. Mike Blum noted that the basic information that people want to know is "how do I join and what are the dues". A proposal for a Facebook presence for CCWPA was tabled.

Water Study: Mike Yanchuck gave a report. He is waiting for a new flow meter to arrive; he did some flow measurements with Bill Kosmer at Victoria Furnace and at the Appalachian trail. He suggested setting up a "community day" for volunteers to observe the water testing. Deb Nardone of the Cold Water Heritage Partnership confirmed that the fish survey of the Creek will take place in 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

Logging status: Logging along route 325 has expanded to new areas on the North and south sides of the road. Glen Grenoble works closely with Penn DOT - we can invite them personally to address the group's concerns.

Sherry McClain went to the Rachel Carson building lobby for free resources and brought many books to the meeting. An on-line resource is the PA State Water Plan which describes the state's 104 watersheds.

Paula Zankel described the activities of the Dauphin County Woodland Owners Association.

Steve Harrison noted that fishermen hate herons and bald eagles, which the valley residents love to watch.

Until officers are elected, the group will operate with a rotating chairman. Agenda items are to be sent to the meeting chairman. Sherry McLain will chair the next meeting. The May 25 meeting date conflicted with the 4th tuesday meeting of the Doc Fritchey chapter of Trout Unlimited. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 15 at 7:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

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