

Minutes of the Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association

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Tuesday, September 27, 2011

The Annual Meeting of the CCWPA was called to order at 7:15 by the President Sherry McLain at the Dauphin County Agricultural Building on Peters Mountain Road, following a pot luck dinner which began at 6 pm. Nine members were in attendance. Sherry read the Mission Statement and provided a brief history of the organization.

Treasurer's report. Karen Stilp reported that as of August 31 we had a balance of \$1828.24, and our expenses this year were approximately \$500-600, which included the post office box rental, purchase of the banner, pop-up and table. We have 26 paid members.

Vice-President Mike Blum provided a hand-out and overview of the accomplishments of the CCWPA, listing the highlights of the various general meetings, and our outreach, service, fact-finding and publicity efforts. He especially stressed the need for publicity. He reminded attendees that Service participation counts as meeting attendance as a requirement for full voting membership. Committee sign-up sheets for the following committees were set out to solicit volunteers: Programs for Meetings; Membership; Outreach, Projects, Community Service; State/local government contact; Website/communications/Publicity.

New business:

Outcome from the last meeting of the board of directors: The board recommended that Dues be grandfathered for 2011-2012. The next annual dues will be owed in September 2012 for everyone who has paid thus far. Because the board was elected mid-cycle, the Board members' official term will start in September 2011. Therefore the current Board members terms expire as follows: Sept 2012 - Mike Blum, Brett Zankel, Linda Brindle; Sept 2013 - Paula Zankel, Mary Hochendoner, Karen Stilp, Sherry McLain. Election of officers which is mandated by the bylaws will occur at the next board meeting following the annual meeting.

Brett Zankel discussed the new bridge going in at the east end of the Reservoir property. The bridge is being installed in partnership with the game commission, and the Harrisburg Authority. He noted that there is no bridge permit, and the lack of a proper riparian buffer. The bridge disregards the Clean Streams Act and the Public Drinking Water Act. He recommended that we petition the Environmental Hearing Board to enforce the regulations. Mike moved and Mary seconded to authorize Brett to pursue this action. When we file a complaint, then we can issue a proper press release. The group laid out a time frame for action. Brett, as spokesman for the group, will call DEP, and also contact Archie Fenton, a CCWPA member and Trout Unlimited stream steward for Clark's Creek. Brett also noted that CCWPA member Joe Lauver is a vice-president of the Penna Environmental Defense Fund. The group raised the issue "what is the goal of this action", but no clear goal was articulated at that time, other than to put the game commission on notice that they must obey and comply with the law.

What do we want to do about potential Marcellus shale operations? Senator Jeff Piccola is a committee chairman for taxing drillers. There is a push to use existing pipelines, and the TEPCO pipeline crosses route 325. Brett suggests that we submit our comments to this committee. The legislature also passed a statute which allows the sale of water by the Game, Fish and Boat Commissions. Brett wants to get CCWPA on the list as a concerned organization in opposition to this statute.

Adopt-a-Highway. Mary Hochendoner announced the fall pick-up date as Saturday October 1, to meet at Flemish Down at 9:00 am. The rain date is October 15. She reported that Trout Unlimited did a pick-up a couple of

weeks ago and that the volume of trash is lower. This pick-up is part of the Adopt-an-Ocean campaign, and we have been requested to chart the types of trash that we find. CCWPA will provide lunch to the volunteers.

Mary also noted that October 8 is Dauphin-Middle Paxton Heritage Day, but she cannot participate and is looking for volunteers to run a booth. She ran into Ted Welke, an illustrator at the Fish and Boat Commission; his are the illustrations that she uses for her face painting and he approved of her use of them. (I believe that she showed him some of her renditions).

Dick Norford is interested in a hiking trail project within the watershed – this is deferred until he presents his proposal.

Our advisor, Mike Yanchuk, has taken a new job and moved from the area. Thanks to you, Mike, for your leadership and guidance.

The next general meeting will be January 17, 2012

Respectfully submitted
Paula Zankel
Secretary