

Lebanon County Clean Water Alliance Meeting
South Lebanon Township Building
Wednesday, January 29, 2014
2:00 pm

Minutes

I. Welcome/Introductions – Present: Kris Troup, Mike Booth, Sheila Wartluft, Stephanie Harmon, Cheri Grumbine, Nick Yingst, Curtis Kulp, Steve Sherk, Robin Getz, Chuck Wertz, Erik Harmon, Tom Embich, Matt Genchur

II. Meeting Minutes – The minutes from the November 22, 2013 meeting were approved, with a few minor modifications. Troup will email the final minutes to LCCWA partners.

III. Public Education/Outreach – Troup reported that he received no entries for the middle school student poster contest. Robin Getz suggested developing a poster with a collage of stormwater related pictures from the LCCWA partners. Steve Sherk suggested reconvening the education/public outreach sub-committee to review the existing public outreach templates in EPA's Non-Point Toolbox. Troup will organize a sub-committee meeting.

To fund the next public outreach/education advertising campaign the LCCWA has applied for a PA DEP Environmental Education Grant. A one page summary of the proposal was submitted to PA DEP in late November 2013. DEP responded favorably to the summary and suggested that a full grant application be submitted. Wartluft, Grumbine, Harmon and Troup put together the grant application and submitted it to DEP in early January. Grant funding will be announced in conjunction with Earth Day in April. No local match is necessary for DEP's Environmental Education Grants. The grant funding amount can be up to \$3,000.

IV. LCCWA MOU – Troup has received signed Memorandums of Understanding from the following stakeholders: Annville Township, Cleona Borough, Cornwall Borough, Jackson Township, Jonestown Borough, N. Cornwall Township, N. Lebanon Township, N. Londonderry Township, S. Annville Township, S. Lebanon Township, W. Lebanon Township, Pennsylvania Rural Water Association, Quittapahilla Creek Garbage Museum, Quittapahilla Creek Watershed Association, Lebanon County Conservation District and the County of Lebanon. He anticipates receiving several more signed MOU's in the coming weeks.

V. Evening LCCWA Minutes – A local municipal official contacted Troup regarding the possibility of holding an evening LCCWA meeting so that municipal official would have more of an opportunity to attend. The group agreed that this was a good suggestion and that annually at least one LCCWA meeting should be held at 6 pm. Perhaps bringing in an educational speaker would also be beneficial. The group

suggested that the evening meeting will need extra marketing to encourage municipal officials participation.

VI. Other Business – Erik Harmon provided an update on the status of the stormwater fee in Jonestown Borough. Borough Council is considering modifications to the ordinance and to the fee amount.

A regional stormwater summit is being planned for March 31, 2014 at Penn State's Harrisburg Campus. A copy of the draft agenda for this free educational event will be attached to the minutes.

Troup reminded the group that March 9, 2014 is the end of the MS4 reporting year. Erik Harmon recently spoke with Mike Hickman at PA DEP, and Mike stated that their goal is to have all of the Lebanon County MS4 permits issued by mid-2014. Sherk indicated that Cleona, Cornwall and S. Lebanon have already received their new permits from PA DEP.

Matt Genchur from the Pennsylvania Rural Water Association spoke briefly on how their organization is becoming more involved with stormwater. Genchur indicated that the PA Rural Water Association now has a program to assist communities in the GIS mapping of their stormwater infrastructure.

VII. Next Meeting – A Doodle Survey will be sent to assist with scheduling the next LCCWA meeting.