

QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
Annville Town Hall
September 21, 2017

Present: Mike Schroeder, Dave Lasky, Ann Lasky, Karen Feather, Alicia Norris, Kent Crawford, Joe Connor, Sean Droms, Elliott Fackler, Daphne Messersmith

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

1. Dave Lasky moved that Mike Schroeder be designated the President of the Watershed Association. Several members offered an amendment that Dave Lasky be designated President Emeritus of the Association. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Mike provided updates on the Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP), the Snitz Creek Reconstruction Project, and the proposed handicapped accessible fishing area in Quittie Creek Nature Park on the east side of the Spruce St. Bridge. All are moving forward. It is expected that groundbreaking on the Snitz Creek project will commence in January.
3. Kent circulated a draft of an internship announcement for possible future unpaid interns for field work similar to the work Sam Soliday undertook this past summer. Mike said he would speak to LVC Biology Prof. Becky Urban about possible “immersive experience” credit for such interns. Consensus was reached that two interns working in tandem in the field would be optimal.
4. Alicia provided an update on a stormwater education workshop she attended with the Dauphin County Conservation District, including “Project Wet” which details an environmental curriculum for middle and high school students. Alicia also circulated a “Community Activity Guide” from the workshop titled “Wet in the City.”
5. Dave suggested that we speak to the Annville Free Library about the possibility of dedicating some shelf space to materials relating to the Quittapahilla watershed, including books, booklets, and maps. Dave indicated that he has approached the Free Library in the past about this possibility but that his proposal was not received favorably. He suggested we try again. Mike agreed to bring this proposal to a member of the Free Library’s Board of Directors.
6. Mike reported on the ongoing Pipeline Revolution in the watershed, and the various incidents that have occurred during the construction of the Mariner East 2 project that have compromised the water quality in the watershed – including several spills of drilling mud on Snitz Creek, Bachman Run, Killinger Creek, and elsewhere. Consensus was reached that the Association should write letters to the following PA State entities expressing our grave concerns about these incidents: the PA Fish & Boat Commission, the PA-DEP, the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, our local senator and representatives, and Governor Wolf. Mike agreed to draft such letters and circulate them for review and approval. A letter to the editor of the *Lebanon Daily News* was also suggested. Mike indicated that he is the Pipeline Construction Monitoring Coordinator for the non-profit citizens group Lebanon Pipeline Awareness (for which he also serves as vice president), and agreed to provide to interested members the URL to the Google Drive that houses the Lebanon County Conservation District inspection reports on the pipeline construction.
7. Mike announced that the Quittapahilla Creek Garbage Museum is moving from 8 E. High St. to his new home at 189 School House Lane in Annville, on Saturday, Oct. 7, with a parade of

porters carrying the museum's thousands of plastic garbage artifacts on specially crafted bamboo poles, starting at 11:30 AM.

8. Kent announced that Doc Fritchey Trout Unlimited President Russ Collins has met with and will be meeting with State Rep. Frank Ryan about state funding of the PA-DEP's Growing Greener program.
9. Joe reported that the workday next to S. Mill St. in Cleona on Sat. Aug. 26, a dozen Lebanon Valley College students and others removed some 55 tires from around 300 feet of creekbed.
10. Mike indicated that he will be in Pittsburgh on Tues. Oct. 17 for a Climate Reality Project training program with Al Gore, and asked that the October monthly meeting be moved back a week to Tues. Oct. 24. Consensus was reached that it would be alright to move the October meeting to Tues. Oct. 24.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem