

**TRI-COUNTY CONEWAGO CREEK ASSOCIATION  
LAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT – August 29, 2002, 7:00 PM  
MEETING MINUTES**

**I. Welcome and Call to Order**

**II. Secretary's Report**

**III. Treasurer's Report**

There has been a dues amount of \$15.00 deposited. This brings the balance to \$622.04.

**IV. Projects and Activities Report**

**Eagle Scout Project:**

- Eagle Scout Nathan Gerard, held a stream clean-up on a small area near the Rt. 230 trailhead. Approximately 25 volunteers showed up on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> to help with this endeavor. Items of note include a large hot water heater and a sofa frame.

**Wetlands Remediation Tour:**

- RETTEW Associates held a wetlands remediation tour in the watershed on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. A few members attended this event led by Loni Young and Mark Metzler.

**Salamander Survey:**

- Nicole Caruso and Matt Royer sampled part of the Conwego Creek in the Mt. Gretna area. Of three plots sampled, 24 salamanders were observed (four out of the five species listed for the area). This information will be given to Tom for the monitoring database.

**Watershed Assessment/Stream Improvement Projects:**

- Bill Stoffel, a watershed landowner, has "volunteered" his property for plantings. He has a bare streambank that he would like us to plant with native flora. The tentative date for a property "prep" day is Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. A few members are working on funding/seed donations. A few suggestions offered at the meeting are local TU Chapters, seed distributors in the watershed (i.e., Pioneer Seeds), CBF and local school FFA's. The United Way Day of Caring project has fallen through because the property does not lie within Lancaster county.
- Lancaster County Watershed Forum: October 5<sup>th</sup>, 9am-1pm
- Lebanon County Watershed Forum: November 9<sup>th</sup>, 9am – noon
- The group has been invited to participate at the Lebanon Valley Rails-to-Trail Grand Opening to be held on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers were asked to sign-up to help design and construct an informational display.

- Jim Hess, an organic farmer in the watershed, has a cow pasture that he is willing to have us look at. He has researched the CREP program but is concerned with the upfront cost.
- The Milton Hershey Trust has 20 acres of property that they have suggested could be “donated” for a TCCCA project.

## **V. Funding and Organizational Report**

Volunteers are needed for the Art Show Fundraiser to be held on September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> (from 10am - 4pm). The art show is to be held at Lynn Szymborski's farm on Geyers Church Road in Dauphin County.

Matt Kofroth announced that the group has received a Growing Greener Grant. There is some paperwork that the Board will fill out at the next Board meeting. Much discussion was held on uses for the grant, which include administrative start-up costs. What should the group do when landowners “fall in our lap” and all of the available grant money is for administrative costs?

## **VI. Board of Directors Elections**

Nicole Caruso, a geologist with Geoservices, Ltd. has been unanimously elected to the Board to fill one of the vacant positions.

## **VII. New Business**

- SRBC and training opportunities
- Membership cards once logo is established
- Soliciting local businesses donations

## **VIII. Open Discussion**

## **IX. Next Meeting**

The next TCCCA meeting will tentatively be held at the Lawn Fire Company, Route 241 (Mt. Gretna Road) on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 pm. We will wait to hear from Jen Hoffman on scheduling a stream assessment demonstration.