



TRI-COUNTY CONEWAGO CREEK ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – July 15th, 2003, 7:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES - Milton Hershey Environmental Center

Attendees: Larry Coble, Mike McKinne, Tom Murray, Matt Royer, Nicole Caruso

I. Treasurer's Report:

There was no activity to report.

II. Projects and Activities Report

WREN Grant:

- Website is under construction – www.conewagocreek.org.
- Bob Censier and Kerry Royer have volunteered to attend training on maintaining and updating the website once it has “gone live”.

Native Tree Nursery:

- There were no updates to report.

BioInventory Walks:

- There were no updates to report.

Hess Farm:

- Matt Royer and Mark Metzler met at the Hess farm on July 11th. Mark made some initial observations regarding the stream. The group has agreed to let CREP handle this project, let “nature take its course”, and closely monitor the results.

Signage:

- Matt Royer will parcel out townships to various members. Members will be responsible for contacting the townships to get their buy-in for the program. The grant application is due the end of August.

Land Use Map:

- The land use map has been completed along with the landowner database. There are 4,288 parcels identified. Tom Murray has the panels 80% complete for the Elizabethtown Fair Display. Matt Royer will edit, Tom Murray will laminate.

Eagle Scout:

- The group will recommend tree planting on 20 acres owned by the Hershey Trust.

Conewago Trail Project:

- The group has voted to not be actively involved in this endeavor and to steer the interested parties to the Greenway Connection.

Stream Cleanup:

- Larry Coble and Tom Murray noted that they have not uncovered any real "hot spots" in need of clean up at this time. With the high water levels, most trash has been "washed away".

III. New Business

- Matt Royer was contacted by DEP about a bacteria sampling project on an unnamed tributary of the Conewago. The group initially had concern about landowner permission, depending on the actual location. Tom Murray will contact the DEP about the exact location and coordinate this effort.
- Larry Coble present a concept for a proposed project that could include tree planting, maintenance of a meadow, and bird/nature viewing area along the trail. Matt Royer will include this item in his list of things to discuss with the Hershey Trust.
- West Donegal Township finalized a new Stormwater Ordinance.
- Discussion on the Bright Hope Fellowship Church development. The group has initial concerns about sewage discharge and stormwater run-off. Matt Royer will follow up with the Township to gain more information regarding this project.

IV. Miscellaneous:

- Assessment of June 25th meeting regarding EAC's: Initially discussed targeting a specific Township for an EAC. Also discussed the need to keep

this subject in front of the membership and general public via an educational process. Ultimately agreed to not target a Township but to pursue the education aspect. Tim Schaeffer, Director of the Central PA EAC Office, will prepare an article on EAC's for the next newsletter.

- A small library for the Association is being assembled.
- Congratulations are in order for Nicole Caruso! She has been accepted into the Peace Corps for a Watershed Management Project in the South Pacific Islands. The Board thanked her for her commitment to the Association and wished her well in her new adventure.
- Election of a new Vice President: Matt Royer asked members to keep this need in mind. It will be discussed at the next general membership meeting.

V. Next Meeting

- General Membership Meeting – Saturday, July 26th, 2003, 9:00 am – Mill Road Elementary School. Larry Coble will lead a hands-on presentation on freshwater mollusks.

Note: These meeting minutes were submitted by Mike McKinne. Thanks Dad.

