

2003

**TRI-COUNTY CONEWAGO CREEK ASSOCIATION
LAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT – March 26, 7:00 PM
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

I. Welcome and Call to Order

II. Secretary's Report

III. Treasurer's Report

Current balance is \$1,280.07. In 2002, we had 31 dues-paying members and families. In 2003, year-to-date, we have 19 dues-paying members and families. The bulk mailing permit is to be applied for.

IV. Projects and Activities Report

Stoffel Planting Project:

☉ Saturday, April 19th (rain date Saturday, April 26th). Meet at the Lawn Fire Company at 8:45 am. Please bring clippers, shovels, and gloves. Sign for Rails-to-Trails will be constructed by Wayne Fetro of Elizabethtown.

☉ Asked for a small committee of volunteers to serve as maintenance crew/data collectors for the on-going project.

Growing Greener Grant (proposed):

☉ The Stream Assessment Application (Rettew Associates) has been sent in. TCCCA should hear by mid-July.

WREN Grant:

☉ Pam Hile is developing the website – www.conewagocreek.org. Brochures are currently in the design phase and should be ready to be delivered by June.

☉ A volunteer is needed to attend that closing seminar to be held June 12th and 13th.

Growing Greener Grant (current):

☉ Logo design was presented to the group and is pretty well finalized. There is a change yet to be done to the existing tree line.

☉ Kerry Royer is currently the editor of the TCCCA newsletter. To date, we are waiting for publishing software and hope to have the newsletter mailed to all residents by May 10th. Various members have submitted articles. There are approximately 2,500 names for the lower 2/3 of the watershed. Questions were raised on how to format labels, etc...

Watershed Snapshot:

☉ A small committee met before the meeting to plan this event to be held on May 10th. The group hopes to meet at Aberdeen Mills because of the large area. If the event grows to large, the "old swim hole" at on the Old Hershey Road will serve as a second location.

Elizabethtown College will supply water chemistry equipment for sampling and the Lancaster Conservancy has reserved the fish-shocking equipment.

Future Projects:

- ④ Birdwatching Hike – Saturday, May 24th. Meet at 8:00am at the parking area for Lebanon Valley Rails-to-Trails in Colebrook. This event will be led by Larry Coble and Tom McKinne.
- ④ Stream Cleanup – scheduled for late-summer.
- ④ Butterfly Count – tentatively scheduled for mid-July. Larry Coble will provide further information.

V. New Business

- ④ Elizabethtown High School has donated 2 (8 x 16) raised plots for a tree nursery. The group has bought River Birch and Sycamore from the Lancaster County Conservancy Sale. Will need volunteers to plant the trees.
- ④ Tom Murray of Elizabethtown College is 13 months into the Landowner Database project. All areas are finished except for parts of Lebanon County. There are quite a few Etown students doing various studies of flora/fauna in the watershed and hope to share their findings.
- ④ Ask for volunteers to attend local municipal meetings. Mike McKinne attended the Mount Joy Township meeting and was placed on the agenda. He presented a short history of the group and handed out brochures to interested citizens. A reporter from the Lancaster News approached him about writing a feature article. Other members of TCCCA will attend various local meetings and report back accordingly.
- ④ Mount Joy Township engineer is interested in working with TCCCA to develop plans to fix two bridges (Prospect and Koser Roads) with the township.

VI. Next Meeting

The next TCCCA meeting will be held at the Lawn Fire Company, Route 241 (Mt. Gretna Road) on Wednesday, April 30th from 7:00-9:00 pm.