



TRI-COUNTY CONEWAGO CREEK ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – October 22nd, 2003, 7:00 p.m.
MEETING MINUTES - Milton Hershey Environmental Center

Attendees: Matt Royer, Hal Royer, Larry Coble, Mike McKinne, Lindsey Morris, Jay Book, Bob Censier

I. Treasurer's Report:

Balance of \$1,275.26. There was another new \$10.00 member join as a result of the Etown Fair display.

II. Projects and Activities Report:

- Matt Royer stated that Kerry Royer had checked out orientaltrading.com on the internet for ideas for handouts for children at the fair next year. Lindsey Morris has a catalog and will bring it to a meeting for everyone to look through. Talked about decals for automobile windows for members. Bob Censier will check on-line about these. Handing out trees for Arbor Day was briefly mentioned.
- Matt Royer gave a talk at the PA Watershed Forum on how to start a watershed group.
- Nutrient-trading pilot project is still ongoing.
- Tree Planting on Hershey Trust property: Larry Coble has trailers lined up to take plants from nursery to site on Saturday morning, October 25th at 8:00 a.m.. Will meet at the nursery to help load the trailers. Hal Royer will pick up trees and shrubs from the Alliance for Chesapeake Bay which they donated (50-75 plants). Jay Book will donate tree tubes and bottle of deer repellent spray. Larry Coble talked with Mr. Koser who owns land adjacent along the road and across the creek. Mr. Koser gave permission to plant along the creek on his side. Larry also noted that the mile-a-minute plant is taking over and will need to be monitored until the trees grow and create a canopy which will cut the light. It was reported that another aggressive invasive plant, Kudzu, is located in the watershed near Cornwall.
- Initial meeting with Matt Royer and DEP for the assessment grant will hopefully take place in November.

- The newsletter must be rewritten from scratch. It could not be retrieved from crashed hard drive.
- Pam Heil will design a new tri-fold general membership brochure.
- Matt Royer gave updates on the following properties:
 - ✓ Jim Hess farm – Stream bank fencing through CREP program is going to be done. There will be a 50-foot buffer. May be able to do some staking in the stream bank in the spring.
 - ✓ Hertzler farm/Gibbs Run – Mt. Calvary Church may build a park area in wetlands area on lower part. Upper area is pastureland. Matt Royer will talk to Hertzlers in the future about fencing this area.
 - ✓ Gallagher Run – Matt Royer agreed to help Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher with the application to name the run on their property.

III. New Business

- Larry Coble asked if anyone knew a Joey Brandt who has a farm south of Hershey in the watershed who may have barn owls on his property. Maybe the TCCCA could start a barn owl project with Milton Hershey Schools.
- Matt Royer reported there will be a training session on using GIS in watershed analysis by the Lititz Run Watershed Association if anyone is interested in attending.
- Discussion on Elizabethtown Area Regional Authority Park.

IV. Next Meeting

Next Board meeting will be held at 6:16 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19th, prior to the November General meeting. Note: The November meeting is being moved up a week because of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Note: These meeting minutes were submitted by Linda McKinne. Thanks Mom.