

2003



**TRI-COUNTY CONEWAGO CREEK ASSOCIATION
LAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT – October 29th, 7:00 p.m.
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

I. Welcome and Call to Order

II. Secretary's Report

III. Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 10/29/03 was \$1,275.26.

IV. Grants Report

Growing Greener Grant:

- Discussion on automobile window decals. Kerry Royer will get quotes.
- The computer that the newsletter is formatted on has "crashed". Work is still ongoing. In the Fall Newsletter, there is a stormwater article, an article on EAC's and the lead story on Secretary McGinty's visit.
- Pam Heil will design a new tri-fold general membership brochure.

Stream Signage:

- Stream Signage Grant has been submitted for 13 stream crossings. Many area municipalities agreed to participate. These signs are only available for state roads. Municipalities would be responsible for posting and "maintaining" the signs.

Growing Greener Assessment Grant:

- The Grant for the Stream Restoration/Assessment has been awarded! The grant amount is \$75,000.00. There will be a meeting with DEP representatives and Board next week (November 4th) to discuss the scope/timeline of this assessment.

II. Previous Projects and Activities

Hershey Trust Tree Planting:

- On October 26th, over 29 volunteers and Cub Scouts planted over 200 trees and shrubs at this Koser Road property. Over three weeks, many TCCCA volunteers prepped the property and we thank them as well!
- Discussion points – send a “thank you” note to the Scouts, Elizabethtown School District (for use of Nursery space), Hershey Trust, and Mr. Koser. The shrubs should also be flagged or marked in some way so that come spring, these plants will be able to be seen. Tentative date for this project is November 28th at 10:00 a.m.
- A Patriot News Reporter wants to do an article on TCCCA and will focus on the Hershey Trust tree planting.

III. Upcoming Projects and Activities

Elizabethtown Regional Authority Park Project:

- Larry Coble gave a recap of the municipal meeting. The park project, which encompasses 160 acres of land, is in the planning stages. TCCCA presented a proposal on projects we'd like to see in the park and offering help. There could be a great opportunity of a tie-in to the Susquehanna Greenway project and the Susquehanna Bird and Wildlife Trail. There is a recommendation to use stormwater from the site to make wetlands with a viewing area for park visitors. TCCCA will stay very active in this project.

Jim Hess Property CREP Planting (Little Conewago Creek):

- The fence should be up before winter. The project is on-going; Matt Royer will meet with CREP and Jim Hess to discuss help with the planting in the spring.

Hertzler/Gibbs Project:

- Mt. Calvary Church may build a park area in the wetlands area on lower part of this property. Upper area is pastureland. Matt Royer will talk to Hertzlers in the future about fencing this area.
- An idea has been expressed for compiling a list of “Landmark” trees in the Watershed. There are a few well-known large and historic trees in the area and it would be a valuable thing to have these documented and mapped.

IV. New Business/Announcements

- Lebanon/Lancaster Watershed Forum, November 8, 9:00am to noon – Acorn Farms Reception Hall, Mount Joy.

V. Next Meeting

The next TCCCA meeting will be held at the Lawn Fire Company, Route 241 (Mt. Gretna Road) on Wednesday, November 19th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. NOTE: There will be no December meeting due to the Holidays.