



**TRI-COUNTY CONEWAGO CREEK ASSOCIATION
LAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT – September 24th, 7:00 PM
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

I. Welcome and Call to Order

II. Secretary's Report

III. Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 7/26/03 was \$1,616.04. Expenses were \$305.78. There was \$45.00 in dues paid which brings the current balance (as of 9/24/03) to \$1,265.26.

IV. Board of Directors Meeting Summary

The former vice president, Nicole Caruso, has left the organization to pursue an assignment with the Peace Corps for a Watershed Management Project in the South Pacific Islands. Tom Murray nominated Larry Coble to replace Nicole in this position. Bob Censier seconded the motion and the Board unanimously appointed Larry Coble as vice president, through end of term.

V. Grants Report

Growing Greener Grant:

- General stationary has arrived (5,000 sheets of letterhead).
- The computer that the newsletter is formatted on has "crashed". There will be discussion on how best to obtain another computer. In the Fall Newsletter, there is a stormwater article, an article on EAC's and the lead story on Secretary McGinty's visit.

WREN Grant:

- Website is basically completed – www.conewagocreek.org.

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. Meetings will be set up in the coming weeks to discuss the scope/timeline of this assessment.

VI. Projects and Activities

Elizabethtown Fair Display:

- Liability insurance was needed at \$225.00 a year.
- There were approximately 8-10 new members through the Fair with an approximate gross of \$60.00.
- There were many good contacts through the Fair Booth and the Board has committed to sponsoring a booth again during the 2004 Fair Season. The Board is hoping for suggestions from members on ideas to draw people to the booth in the coming year (i.e., give-away, toys, games, fish aquarium).

Secretary McGinty Visit:

- This on-the-stream meeting (held August 25th) was well attended by members. DEP Secretary Kathleen McGinty heard various presenters from the group and toured a recent tree-planting project at the Bill Stoffel homestead. Photos and a news release were carried by a few local papers and a group photo was posted on the DEP Secretary's "Scrapbook" webpage.

Hershey Trust Tree Planting:

- On Koser Road, there is a Hershey Trust property that has been entrusted to TCCCA for a tree-planting project. This project will use the trees and shrubs available in the group's Native Tree Nursery.
- A local Cub Scout Group has agreed to dedicate planting time. The property will have to be prepped and "weeded" by volunteers from TCCCA prior to the Cub Scouts planting. Volunteer Prep Days are scheduled for October 11th, 18th, and 25th at 8:00am. The Cub Scouts will be finishing the planting on Sunday, October 26th at 1:30 pm and all members are invited!

Stream Naming Project:

- Landowners (Gallagher family) along a Hoffer Creek tributary are interested in naming the creek "Gallagher's Run". Ben Simmons and Matt Royer visited them on 9/15/03 to talk about the permitting process and gave them a manual and application.

VII. New Business/Announcements

- 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.
- PA Watershed Conference, October 3-4 – Grantville Holiday Inn.
- Lebanon/Lancaster Watershed Forum, November 8, 9:00am to noon – Acorn Farms Reception Hall, Mount Joy.
- Susquehanna River Wildlife and Birding Trail Kickoff, September 26-28.
- Susquehanna Greenway Public Forum, October 8, 5:30-7:00 pm – Shank’s Mare Outfitters, Wrightsville.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next TCCCA meeting will be held at the Lawn Fire Company, Route 241 (Mt. Gretna Road) on Wednesday, October 29th from 7:00-9:00 pm.

