



TRI-COUNTY CONEWAGO CREEK ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – September 3rd, 2003, 7:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES - Milton Hershey Environmental Center

Attendees: Matt Royer, Mike McKinne, Tom Murray, Larry Coble, Bob Censier, Erin McKinne and Ben Simmons

I. Treasurer's Report:

There was no financial report at this meeting.

II. Election of New Vice President

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.

III. Assessment of August 25th meeting with DEP Secretary McGinty

This on-the-stream meeting 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.

IV. Ongoing/Recent Projects and Activities

Growing Greener Grant:

- General stationary has arrived (5,000 sheets of letterhead).
- Newsletter is almost ready. There is a stormwater article, an article on EAC's and the lead story on Secretary McGinty's visit.

- Who should the newsletter be sent to? Obviously members, school districts and municipalities. Other ideas were offered such as; main stem landowners, area businesses and free newsletters available at post offices and libraries.

WREN Grant:

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

Elizabethtown Fair Booth:

- 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.

Signage:

- Stream Signage Grant has been submitted. Many area municipalities agreed to participate. These signs are only available for state roads. Municipalities would be responsible for posting and “maintaining” the signs. A reporter from the Patriot News wants to do an article if the Grant is awarded.
- Landowners (Gallagher family) along a Hoffer Creek tributary are interested in naming the creek “Gallagher’s Run”. Ben Simmons and Matt Royer to visit them on 9/15/03 to talk about the permitting process.

Hershey Trust 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. Is October too late?

V. **Miscellaneous:**

- Aberdeen Mills Auction – A very environmentally valuable piece of land is being auctioned off in October. Local Conservancies are interested in the large tract of land but do not have the time or resources necessary to offer a price. This is a very important development to watch. Who will buy the land? What are the plans for the acreage once bought?

- Collection of flora/fauna in the Watershed – It has come to the group's attention, that there is possibly a local club gathering flora/fauna from the Watershed. Keep eyes and ears open!

VI. Next Meeting

- General Membership Meeting – Wednesday, September 24th, 2003, 7:00 pm – Lawn Fire Station.

