



TRI-COUNTY CONEWAGO CREEK ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – February 12th, 2004, 7:00 p.m.
MEETING MINUTES - Milton Hershey Environmental Center

Attendees: Matt Royer, Larry Coble, Erin McKinne, Bob Censier, Mike McKinne, Jay Book, Tom Murray

I. Secretary's Report:

No Secretary's Report

II. Treasurer's Report:

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III. Landowner Liaisons Report

- Matt Royer gave updates on the following properties. Jack Smith and Ben Simmons are the groups' Landowner Liaisons:
 - ✓ Groff Farm – who else owns land in this area? Tom to print out sub-watershed landowner maps.
 - ✓ 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.
 - ✓ Eagle (?) Farm – Jay Book attended a township meeting; they will be developing 10 acres, but would like our input.
 - ✓ Wenger Farm on Prospect Road.

IV. Outreach Report

- Jay Book and Erin McKinne will be attending the Donegal Fish and Conservation Association Program at Donegal Middle School on March 6th. Tom Murray will provide them with color maps and they will have brochures. Jay Book will be bringing pansies to sell as a fundraiser. Larry Coble will be at the Lancaster Audubon stand beside ours.
- Matt Royer will represent the group at the Mt. Calvary Church Sportsman's Banquet on March 6th. He will be using the Fair Display.

V. Projects Report

- Landmark Tree Hike – Saturday, February 14th 10:00 a.m. at Mt. Gretna trailhead.
- Volunteer Monitoring Program - Five people have signed up to help along with the various County Conservation Districts. A meeting will be set up in the following weeks with all volunteers.
- Barn Owl Project – There are three barn owl nest boxes in the watershed. Larry Coble hopes to make some more and enlist the help of local silo owners. The Wenger Farm would be an ideal location.
- WREN Grant – The Board hopes to utilize this grant again this year. Will be pricing various signs and other educational materials.
- Stream Restoration Project Tour – Three areas in Lancaster County to tour showing stream restoration projects. Matt Kofroth to help organize a tour for the spring.
- Stoffel Signage – The Board discussed the verbiage for the sign that Wayne Fetrow has agreed to design for the Stoffel property. Discussed placement and monies. Wayne Fetrow would need the cost of materials reimbursed. The Board has decided to go ahead with this cost.

VI. Fundraising Opportunities

The Board discussed various ways to increase revenue for TCCCA. Follows is a list of ideas that will be discussed in greater detail at the General Membership meeting:

- ✓ Calendars of landmark trees
- ✓ Artwork of the watershed – auction
- ✓ Bookmarks
- ✓ Wildflower mixes
- ✓ Photo contests
- ✓ Birdhouses
- ✓ Mugs with the logo
- ✓ Banquet
- ✓ Corporate Gifting
- ✓ Mt. Gretna Lake and Jigger Shop – Mt. Gretna “Watershed Day”
- ✓ Conservation camps

VII. Officer Elections

All officers up for re-election were unanimously re-elected.

VIII. New Business/Announcements

PennDOT Wetlands Restoration Project – PennDOT is looking for an area in the watershed to construct a wetland on. Discussion focused on getting together the Elizabethtown Park Project Committee and PennDOT. What is the feasibility of PennDOT funding the project?