



2004

**TRI-COUNTY CONEWAGO CREEK ASSOCIATION
LAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT – January 28th, 7:00 p.m.
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

I. Welcome and Call to Order

II. Secretary's Report

III. Treasurer's Report

No activity in January; submitted year-end report to Board of Directors. Balance of \$1,465.26. 2004 dues were due January 1st, 2004.

IV. Grants Report

Growing Greener Grant:

- Pam Heil is working on a general membership brochure; will be finished by March 6th.
- Kerry Royer is working on a spring newsletter for all members, riparian landowners, and township supervisors.

Section 319 Grant:

- The group met and worked on plan in order to meet EPA requirements. DEP representative is seeking some revisions.
- Passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteer monitoring program to survey bugs and fish in the creek.

II. Projects Reports

- Landmark Tree Survey is set for Saturday, February 14th at 9:00 a.m. leaving from the Colebrook Trailhead. This will be led by Larry Coble.
- Elizabethtown Regional Park Authority – Plan submitted by their consultant, Ann Yost, and will include a boardwalk/trail overlooking wetlands. Discussed funding an educational interpretive sign. Also discussed stormwater controls down the road that could include the wetlands.
- Hess Farm – CREP project, trees are in but the fencing has not been erected yet. There will be a 50-foot buffer along the stream and around the pond with natural plantings. TCCCA may insert some live stakes this spring to help with CREP. Jim Binder from Middlecreek might be able to get the group some free cuttings.
- Brills Run – Looking into streambank fencing and riparian buffer. Upper run may be developed.
- RCND – Stream crossing signs to be delivered to townships for posting.

III. Funding Report

- 2004 WREN Grant – Board would like to apply again. Could use these monies for new display board and to fund some signs for existing projects. Also could fund a permanent display for the Governor Dick Nature Center (Mt. Gretna).

IV. Elections

- Hal Royer headed the elections for another Board member. Mary Royer nominated Ben Simmons. Motion “so moved” by Ron Laughlin – motion carried unanimously.

V. Priorities

- Bob Censier suggested maintaining both the Stoffel project and the Koser Road project as a priority for 2004.
- Mike McKinne suggested the Elizabethtown Regional Park project be a priority because of education, the wetlands, and bird habitat.
- Mike McKinne also suggested an aggressive new member campaign for the new year with hopes of doubling the membership.
- Bill Stoffel suggested we have an educational committee ready with an educational program to take out to scout troops or service clubs. Advertise this by way of a contact letter.
- Mary Royer suggested bird walks and wildflower walks. She also raised the question of buying trees from the Conservation District tree sale.
- Ben Simmons suggested Milton Hershey School might raise trees for us. He also suggested an outreach picnic for landowners and other public.
- Bob Censier questioned a non-profit organization grant for recycling hazardous materials.

VI. Upcoming Projects and Activities

- Larry Coble would like to take a look at projects in Lititz, Swarr Run, Manheim, etc...to see what other watershed groups have done. Matt Kofroth will gather some information.
- Ron Laughlin suggested a stream clean-up again this spring. Location or time had not been established. Matt Kofroth says there is grant money available for stream clean-ups to buy gloves, etc...

VII. Next Meeting

The next TCCCA meeting will be held at the Lawn Fire Company, Route 241 (Mt. Gretna Road) on TUESDAY, January 24th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The speaker will be Jack Smith, Conewago Stream Steward “50 Years of Fishing, Trapping and Exploring the Conewago”.

NOTE: These minutes were submitted by Linda McKinne (Thanks Mom!)

Tri-County Conewago Creek Association

Board of Directors and Officers

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Name (Officer)	Term Expires
Ben Simmons	2006
Erin McKinne (Secretary)	2006
Mike McKinne	2006
Tom Murray	2006
Jay Book	2005
Tim Hoover	2005
Bob Censier	2005
Larry Coble (Vice President)	2005
Matt Royer (President)	2004
Hal Royer (Treasurer)	2004
Lindsey Morris	2004

