



**TRI-COUNTY CONEWAGO CREEK ASSOCIATION**  
**LAWN FIRE COMPANY, JANUARY 26, 2005**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

- I. Secretary's Report - None**
- II. Treasurer's Report** – Hal Royer presented the Treasurer's report for the year ended 2004.

Balance as of 12/31/2004 was \$1,434.24

**III. Grants Report**

**Section 319 Grant:**

Rettew has identified several "hotspots". Meetings between Rettew and DEP are going well. Matt Royer is going to talk with Mark Metzler to get an early prioritization list.

**Growing Greener Grant:**

The group has until June '05 to spend approximately \$1,500.00 left in this grant. There is an opportunity for two newsletters (Winter '04/'05 and Spring '05). There was some discussion about "buying" ads in local media outlets for some of the projects/events the group will be hosting.

**Stream Sign Grant:**

Hoffer Creek, Little Conewago, Brills Run signs are all up along with some others.

**Grant Applications for 2005:**

**Wren Grant:** April deadline. Could be used for a permanent display at the Governor Dick Center in Mount Gretna. Group discussed reaching out to other local watershed groups (Chiques might be interested) to form a comprehensive display. The timeline is tight on this grant.

**Section 319 Grant:** March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. The timeline is also very tight on this grant however, there is a continuous source of money for this grant and the group could be "targeted" for money this year. Group discussed in detail the options/landowners available for a project. There is a better chance to secure funding if the group focuses on a "hotspot" identified during the Rettew project. Various members of the group will follow some leads.

Other Grants: Conservation Security Program and Highlands Conservation Act

#### IV. Outreach/Membership

Membership letters were sent out.

#### V. Projects and Activities (events now posted at [www.conewagocreek.net](http://www.conewagocreek.net))

Larry Coble will check about harvesting live stakes at Middle Creek on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Live stake planting on Jane Wenger property on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Bill Stoffel property – Tom Murry will go out with students in February just to touch base with Bill. Tentative date of May 21<sup>st</sup> for group maintenance project

Snap Shot – April 23, 2005. Meet at Mill Road Elementary School. Rain Date, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Invasive species work days TBA periodically spring and fall.

Hertzler property – Talked about maybe getting the youth group from the Hershey Free Church who helped plant, do the maintenance there. They should have this done by mid May.

Seedlings for the nursery will be picked up on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> and the potting party will be on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Warbler Walk – Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Meet at the Lebanon Valley Rail to Trail parking lot in Colebrook.

Elizabethtown Fair – August 22 through 27.

Aberdeen Mills – Much discussion around this topic. The first set of plans for development of this area were not approved. A proposal from three local conservancies interested in preserving the property was assembled in December. Matt Royer received a phone call from the current landowner 1/26 and was informed that they have put a new sketch before the Township. This new development sketch decreases the properties from 40 homes to 20 homes. They would still “entertain” an offer from the conservancy people on the remaining land. Township planning meeting will be held on 1/31/05.

Conoy Creek – Larry Coble has announced that he will be forming a local watershed group for the Conoy Creek in Elizabethtown. TCCCA has agreed to help the Conoy Creek in projects. There is a “demo” area that the Township has approved for some streambank restoration/stabilization. Larry hopes during the March/April timeframe to plant in this area.

**VI. New Business/Announcements**

Matt Royer and Hal Royer were re-elected to the Board as Chairman and Treasurer respectively.

Chuck Fox has volunteered to maintain the TCCCA web site.

Lindsey Morris has decided not to run for re-election to the Board.

There was an idea set forth to participate in the PA Adopt-A-Highway program. A stretch of road is up for discussion.

**VII. Next Meeting**

The next TCCCA membership meeting will be held at the Lawn Fire Company, Route 241 (Mt. Gretna Road) on Wednesday, February 23, 2005 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin McKinne  
Secretary



**Tri-County Conewago Creek Association**

**Board of Directors and Officers**

**2005**

<b>Name (Officer)</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Matt Royer (President)	2007
Hal Royer (Treasurer)	2007
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

