



TRI-COUNTY CONEWAGO CREEK ASSOCIATION
LAWN FIRE COMPANY, JUNE 29, 2005
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- I. Welcome and Call to Order**
- II. Secretary's Report** - Reviewed minutes from 5/25/05 general meeting.
- II. Treasurer's Report** – No Treasurer's Report.
- III. Guest Presentation**

Nicol Caruso gave a very informative presentation on her PeaceCorp assignment dealing with watershed restoration in the south-pacific country of Palau.

IV. Grants:

Section 319: Mark Metzler is working on revisions of the final report and plans are for the document to be finalized next month. Rettew has identified several "hotspots". Meetings between Rettew and DEP are going well. Matt Royer has been meeting with Mark Metzler to get an early prioritization list.

It has been decided to "roll-out" the plan at a special general membership meeting in the Fall.

Growing Greener Grant: The group has received an extension through the end of '05 to spend approximately \$1,500.00 left in this grant.

IV. Projects (events now posted at www.conewagocreek.net):

Bill Stoffel property: Elizabethtown College students (under Tom Murray) have adopted this project and hope to work on it over the coming months.

Hertzler property: A local Eagle Scout (Nathan Gerard) has adopted this long-term maintenance project.

Koser property: In early June, a group of volunteers performed landscaping maintenance on the property. Many of the plantings are doing very well. Another "work night" is scheduled for July 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Manada Conservancy Speaker Series: Gene Wingert "A Year in the Life of a Vernal Pond". October 10th, 7:00 p.m. at the Hershey Public Library.

1970's Fish Survey: **Note: This survey has been postponed until the Fall '05.** A contact at the Donegal Conservation Show shared with TCCCA a fish survey that was taken on the Conewago in the 1970's. The report is very well documented and specific to the area. There was some discussion on replicating the study as well as can be managed to see the fish population differences in the last 30 years.

Hershey Trust Outreach: **Note: Still active.** Mike McKinne, Matt Royer, and Ed Warfel (Rettew Associates) met with Ken Gall from the Hershey Trust on 3/14/05 to explain the assessment work happening in the watershed. They suggested the meadows (along 743) as a project that TCCCA would very much like to take on. There was some positive reception. Due to deed restrictions, Hershey can not enter into any easements which would restrict their use of the land. However, there are no specific plans for that property but they would like to keep their options open. At this time, TCCCA will look over topographical and area maps. Larry Coble suggested putting together a guidance plan for cutting the meadows. The group has decided to follow-up and stay aggressive on this property/opportunity.

Dauphin County Project: There is some funding available for a project in Dauphin County. Ben Simmons will start to gauge interest from landowners in the area.

Aberdeen Mills: A new preliminary plan is before the Township. This new development sketch decreases the properties from 40 homes to 17 homes. They would still "entertain" an offer from the conservancy people on the remaining land.

V. New Business/Announcements

VI. Next Meeting

The next TCCCA membership meeting will be held at the Lawn Fire Company, Route 241 (Mt. Gretna Road) on Wednesday, July 27, 2005 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin McKinne
Secretary