

TCCCA meeting minutes - January 27, 2008, Conewago Twp Municipal Building

NOTE – my apologies for misspelled and missed names !!

Members present: Linda and Mike McKinne, Larry Coble, John Hertzler, Ben Simmons, Ron Laughlin, Nick ~~Moller~~ Mohler, (sp ?) Stephanie ---?, Rich Braul, (sp?) Bob Sensea, (sp ?) Rue Henderson, Bill Stoffel

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Agencies present: Matt Kofroth, Lancaster CD, Mike Podoff, Dauphin CD, Jineen Boyle, DEP

Meeting was started at 7:05 led by Larry Coble. Ben introduced two new candidates for Board of Director positions, Nick and Stephanie. Elections will be held at February meeting.

Larry suggested going over several current or upcoming projects –

1. Center for Land and Water – Matt and Jineen reported about January strategic planning meeting.
2. Hershey Trust project – 319 grant – need to get in touch with Fish and Wildlife to be sure ready to apply for construction dollars in upcoming grant round. No date set yet for 2008 GG application deadline.
3. Mike M. reported on Elizabethtown Park project – DCNR has option to buy additional 4 acres that may adjoin Hershey Trust project.
4. CREP projects – Wenger Farm – TCCCA's commitment is to plant warm-season grasses in 2008. John Hertzler reported that he will be doing a 10-acre CREP planting – would like advice on best species to plant for wet area – had discussion on best native trees and Matt suggested Ashley Spotts a good resource. Bill Stoffel discussed what has happened at his site, and general discussion had on O&M for buffers and how to reduce mortality.
5. Matt Kofroth handed out 2008 calendars – TCCCA featured for month of January – explained an opportunity all Lancaster watershed groups have to participate in tree seedling sale as a fund-raiser for themselves; group would need to sell seedlings and put name on form – buyer mails form to District as before, but watershed group would get 20% profit. March 14th date to have forms back to Matt. Matt will mail some forms out to members. Also mentioned that if TCCCA registers with "Good Search" internet search engine, that if members use that search engine, a penny per search is donated by company; may seem small but adds up. Also, opportunity for county watershed groups to pool volunteers and run the refreshment stand at a Barnstomers game(s) over the summer - again, 10% sales go to groups. Let Matt know if TCCCA interested. Need 30 volunteers total from all ws groups in County to make it work.
6. Mike Podoff, Dauphin CD reported that he is continuing to sample Conewago Creek at several places.
7. Great Green America Fest is again going to happen, this year May 2,3, 4th. More details in coming months.
8. Larry mentioned that group should think about possible speakers for August Chatauqua educational program and give Matt Royer any suggestions. Fred Habecker on butterflies mentioned.
9. Rue H. reported on South Londonderry Twp's new Environmental Advisory Council – 1st in Lebanon County, and have 10 enthusiastic people serving on committee.
10. Next meeting – **Wed. Feb. 27th**
11. meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.