

TRI-COUNTY CONEWAGO CREEK ASSOCIATION MEETING
March 17, 2021
TCCCA Monthly Meeting Minutes

I. Attendance:

- a. Matt Royer, Monique Dykman, John Hertzler, Rob Frank, Michael Sherman, Ron Laughlin, Ralph Duquette, Matt Kofroth

II. Financial Report

- a. Matt:
 - i. Activity since last meeting
 - 1. Membership donation of \$20
 - 2. 319 Grant expense: bought 600 shrub seedlings from LCCD Seedling Sale for: \$1,050. Will be reimbursed through 319 Grant.
 - a. Mainstem Conewago at Nissley Farm/Rider; Stream restoration w/ shrub buffer because of powerlines above.
 - 3. Balance: \$382.70

III. Website, Email, Facebook Updates

- a. Website is up to date, Matt is happy to manage the website.
 - i. Renewed website for a year.
 - ii. Recently have received several emails interested in joining the watershed group. Will post minutes on website for anyone who is unable to make the meetings.
- b. Email
 - i. Currently have a Yahoo email account
 - 1. Yahoo limits number of recipients per email; causing TCCCA to make 6 different address groups.
 - ii. Considering switching to gmail; no objections from the board.
- c. Facebook
 - i. Facebook page can not be found, links from website are not active.
 - ii. Circle back up with Darby and Stewart to get facebook page active again.
 - iii. If we switch emails, this problem can be easily alleviated

IV. 319 Grant Update

- a. Active 319 grant at Nissley/Rider farm: permits in hand, project ready to go. Run into delays from the utility line. Met Ed and PPL utilities both on the same poles.
 - i. Met Ed discussed the need to plant shrubs instead of trees; good to go.
 - ii. PPL have additional safety requirements, will require survey and deed retrieval.
 - 1. Might call in an Engineer to do the survey faster to speed up PPL can not accommodate. Will look into cost/time.
 - iii. Buffer to be planted by Mark Metzler

- iv. Goal: get on FWS Spring construction schedule.
- b. Al Wenger buffer
- c. Schmidt long horn cattle farm

V. Revisiting our Planning and Priorities for 2021

- a. Spring Activities to be considered
 - i. Wenger Buffer Tube Maintenance (possibly do double header with the 4/17 event)
 - 1. Tubes ready to be removed early Spring
 - 2. Is Stroud done doing research out that way?
 - ii. Hertzler Buffer Planting (April 10th 9am)
 - 1. John has ordered 350 bare root trees for his buffer
 - a. Swamp white & Persimmon
 - 2. Trees will ship next week
 - iii. Zeager Road Litter Clean Up (April 17) (with PSU Greening Lower Susquehanna)
 - 1. Already on the books
 - 2. Can we loop in Industrial Road as well?
 - 3. All attendees required to register through PSU, mostly due to pandemic number concerns
 - iv. Mount Gretna K10 Tree Planting (with LV Conservancy)
 - 1. LVC hosting invasive species cleanup on April 24/Planting on May 8
 - a. If concerned about too many volunteers at one event, may plan to host Conewago planting either weekend before or after May 8
- b. PA American Water “Reinvigoration Grant” Opportunity (Monique)
 - i. 5k seemed too rushed, plus the bridge by Aberdeen Mills will be under construction by late summer
 - ii. Mailings – Recruit members, donations, volunteers; advertise BMP instillation
 - 1. Ralph Duquette has a mailing list for South Londonderry
 - 2. Look at voter lists
 - iii. Signage – need to check with Lebanon Valley Rail to Trail/Lancaster County Parks
 - 1. Signs: to replace Hershey Meadows, Wenger Buffer, Londonderry Restoration
 - 2. John Wengert- Lebanon Valley Rail to Trails. Ralph Duquette is contact
 - iv. Agri-drain – If we can provide, US Fish and Wildlife can install (in-kind)
 - v. Additionally, look into Lancaster CAP grants – Clean Water Fund opening up April 1st Community engagement grant ~\$15,000
- c. Summer Activities

- i. Fish Survey
 - 1. Done every 3 years in June (LCCD/SRBC)
 - a. 2021 is a year for fish survey
 - 2. 3 different survey stations
 - a. Game lands
 - b. Hershey Meadow
 - c. Covered bridge
 - ii. Chautauqua Summer Speaker
 - iii. Etown Fair?
- d. Fall Activities
- i. More planting/maintenance activities
 - ii. Field day/educational day?
- e. Any current interest in Eagle Scout projects?

VI. 2021 Grant Opportunities: Potential Projects

- a. 319 grants with Mark Metzler
 - i. New list of potential projects
 - 1. Patrick Road: Upstream landowner involved in stream sampling. Has expressed interest previously
 - 2. Hershey Trust via Hoffer Creek: Previously project with Growing Greener money. More to be done. Looking to set up a meeting.
 - 3. Kendra/Jeff Nissley: Tail end of 1st Trib North. Severely eroded. Interested in stream restoration/riparian buffer.
- b. Money through C3RP
- c. Lancaster CAP grants – Clean Water Fund

VII. Other Business

VIII. Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 21 @ 7pm via Zoom