

TRI-COUNTY CONEWAGO CREEK ASSOCIATION MEETING
January 19, 2022
TCCCA Annual Meeting

Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Mike Sherman, Matt Royer, Ralph Duquette, Rob Frank, Nate Straw

II. Financial Report (2021 Annual Report)

- a. TCCCA Annual Financial Report 2021
 - i. End of year balance: \$12,224.70
 - ii. Major deposits:
 - 1. Anonymous donation, Tree Sale, Chautauqua Honorarium and donations, Clean Water Partners Community Grant (grant money must be spent out by September 20, 2022)

III. Board of Director Elections

- a. Terms for Darby Schock and Katcha Neale expired
 - i. Katcha decided not to run for another term. The Neales have sold Aberdeen Mills. Thank you to Katcha for her years of service on the board and the entire Neale family for their partnership over the years hosting many Earth Day celebrations!
 - ii. Darby has been reelected to the board
- b. Will reelect officers in future board only meeting

IV. 319 Grant Updates

- a. Active Grant (Nissley/Reider, Wenger, Schmidt): Current deadline – March 2024; we are hopeful we will implement 2/3 projects this coming year.
 - i. Nissley/Reider
 - 1. Lower main stem
 - 2. Permits in hand
 - 3. Met Ed and PPL powerlines ROW
 - a. MET Ed has approved
 - b. PPL – Conservation District is not able to complete additional surveying. Mark Metzler (Rettew) is assisting to survey and plant shrubs under powerline.
 - 4. After survey and PPL approval, we can proceed with project. Hoping to get on schedule with US Fish and Wildlife
 - ii. Wenger
 - 1. Small stream bank stabilization near TCCCA planted buffer

- iii. Schmidt
 - 1. On hold. Will reach out to farmer to see what work he still wants done.
- b. Pending Grant (Jubilee Dairy, Lookenbill, Aberdeen)
 - i. Still pending.
 - ii. Working with Rettew on: Survey, Design, Engineering
 - iii. Jubilee Dairy:
 - 1. Stream restoration spots, additional buffer planting, C3RP watering improvements
 - iv. Lookenbill
 - 1. 18-acre property on Hoffer Creek; 900 linear stretch;
 - 2. Bank stabilization & Buffer planting
 - v. Aberdeen
 - 1. Will need to work with new homeowner.
 - 2. Address an eroding swale leading to the main stem.
- c. Other funding opportunity
 - i. DEP 319 – Additional money to spend quickly. Projects to be completed by June 30, '22 or '23.
 - ii. TCCCA will seek funding to cover estimated implementation costs for all three projects in pending 319 grant (above).

V. Lancaster Clean Water Fund Grant Update (“TCCCA Reinvigoration”)

- a. Postcard was presented
 - i. Printworks on Demand out of Harrisburg will do the printing and mailing postcard to all residents in the watershed
 - ii. Before sending postcard, update facebook/website
 - 1. Look into ‘MailChimp’ to reduce # of emails sent to multiple participants
- b. Signage – will work on in Spring

VI. Planning and Priorities for 2022

- a. 2021 accomplishments:
 - i. Worked in the field:
 - 1. Hertzler buffer planting
 - 2. Litter pick up at Industrial Park
 - 3. Fish Survey (4 locations)
 - 4. Riparian Buffer Maintenance at Wenger Buffer
 - ii. Education and Outreach
 - 1. Chautauqua Summer Lecture Series Talk
 - 2. Presentation to Elizabethtown Rotary Club
 - iii. Grant writing
 - 1. Submitted 319
 - 2. Submitted and secured a Lancaster Clean Water Partners Grant
- b. Potential 2022 activities were brainstormed:
 - i. Plant buffer at Wenger stream restoration project

- ii. Mailing to residents
- iii. Design and install trail signs
- iv. Second mailing to invite to community social by creek
- v. Lebanon Valley Conservancy – Matt presented at their board meeting on Monday. Schedule follow up; LVC would like a stronger presence in the lower county (our watershed).
 - 1. Talk with Lancaster Conservancy to discuss working with farm properties in watershed.
- vi. Engage Etown College to get students involved
- vii. Etown Rotary Club for volunteer events
 - 1. Lebanon Rotary speaking event/tree planting up in headwaters
- viii. High School Key Club for volunteers
- ix. 5k event – in fall. Ralph will be on steering committee; combined with point 4?)
- x. Buffer Banter at Sunset or Vineyards of Hershey
 - 1. Partner with Vineyards of Hershey for other fundraising events
- xi. Conewago Creek Initiative: Celebrating Conewago Partners, etc.
- xii. Dauphin County Buffer Fund with CAP, but independent. Looking for willing landowners. Possibly maintenance, installation dollars.
- xiii. Landowner outreach priorities: Hess Farm downstream to Bellaire

VII. Other Business

- a. Meeting of the Conewago Creek Initiative: Celebrating Conewago Partnerships, Sunset Grill, February 8, 2:30pm
 - i. Postponed, until mid-March, date TBA

VIII. Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 16 @ 7pm.