

**TRI-COUNTY CONEWAGO CREEK ASSOCIATION MEETING**  
**January 17, 2024**  
**TCCCA Annual Membership Meeting**

**Minutes**

- I. Attendance: Shawn Jacobs, Matt Royer, Nate Straw, Rachael, Mike Sherman, Liz Glaston, Chris Glaston, Ron Laughlin, Ralph Duquette, Barbra, Brian**
  
- II. Financial Report (2023 Annual Report)**
  - a. 2023 End of Year Balance: \$29,451.43
    - i. Closed out Lancaster CWP and 2018 319 grants
      - 1. Checks for contractors are on the way out the door
    - ii. Working down 2022 319 grant
    - iii. Additional memberships via paypal
  
- III. Board of Director Elections**
  - a. To vote: Motioned by Ron, Second by Monique
  - b. To accept candidates: Motioned by Matt, Seconded by Chris
  - c. Motion carried
  
- IV. 319 Grant Updates**
  - a. 2018 Grant
    - i. Closed out!!!
      - 1. \*Tree planting pending; will recruit E-town rotary to do a volunteer planting
      - 2. Second tree planting will be planted professionally
  
  - b. 2022 Grant
    - i. Unnamed Trib of Conewago, above tree planting from 15-20 years ago; in permitting stage. Project will stabilize pasture, plant more trees, move fence back
    - ii. Hoffer Creek Property – will bring Rettew out to meet with landowner and start survey and design
    - iii. Lynch Run trib – stabilize swale carrying stormwater runoff from warehouse/230
  
- V. Lancaster County Conservation District Buffer Grant**
  - a. Provided letter of support & match commitment (volunteer hours, board service hours, etc.) over a 3-year period
  - b. Will fund implementation of buffers and associated infrastructure (fence, crossings, etc.)

- c. Lancaster Tributaries to Conewago

**VI. KK Property Project Revived**

- a. Update: property assessment report. 16 acres, largely forested, many widow maker trees

**VII. SBClub Project**

- a. Update: Brills Run – US Fish and Wildlife Services w/ contractor, walked stream provided detailed assessment & concept design. \$400,000 restoration project. Design & permit done by US Fish and Wildlife. Need implementation funds – 319? CAP Funds in future years? Low volume road grants?

**VIII. Penn State AEC NFWF Grant Updates**

- a. C3RP –
  - i. Stream restoration from 319 property, pasture improvements and improved roof
  - ii. Brinser Road – cattle farm, generational transition. Improve stream access, rotational grazing, etc

**IX. Planning and Priorities for 2024**

- a. Earth Day – reach out to new landowner at Aberdeen Mills, fish shocking, wildflower walks
- b. Fish Shocking – every 3-year assessment slated for 2024
  - i. Do we do fish shock at Bio Blitz – June 9<sup>th</sup>
- c. Tree Plantings with 319 grants (e-Town rotary)
- d. Buffer grant – post card for Lancaster county stream owners – with map to educate about watershed areas
- e. Conewago Darter 5k October 12<sup>th</sup>
- f. TCCCA will start hosting meetings at local businesses
  - i. Provide flyers/ signs / advertisement
- g. PSU Backyard Stream Repair – advertise
  - i. Workshop? Reach out to PSU extension
- h. Trash Cleanup?
- i. Mount Gretna (headwaters) – source water protection plan, Educational component for source water protection via Mount Gretna Authority; well issues with Governor Dick logging herbicides.
- j. Lebanon Valley Conservancy – new manager, potential for new projects and partnerships
- k. Milton Grove Sportsman Club/Etown Beagle Club
- l. South Colebrook – Colebrook Tavern is back on business

**X. Other Business and Announcements**

- a. Next Conewago Creek Initiative Meeting: Monitoring in the Conewago Watershed, February 28, 1-3pm, Sunset Golf Course, 2601 Sunset Drive, Middletown PA 17057
- b. Lebanon Valley Conservancy Scholarship Ceremony, Lebanon Valley College, Monday, April 22, 6-9pm (Matt will speak on Conewago restoration efforts)

**XI. Next Meeting**

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 @ 7pm @ MooDuck

Officers:

President – Matt Royer

Vice President – Mike Sherman

Treasurer – Matt Royer

Secretary – Monique Dykman