**TRI-COUNTY CONEWAGO CREEK ASSOCIATION**

**June 19, 2024
Membership Meeting
Mount Gretna Hideaway**

**Minutes**

1. Welcome and Introductions
	1. Matt Royer, Ralph Duquette, Amanda Goldsmith, Monique Dykman, Liz Glaston, Chris Glaston, Abby (PSU intern)
2. Financial Report
	1. Current Balance: $6,139.25
		1. Waiting on grant reimbursement
3. Conewago Bioblitz and Fish Survey Recap
	1. Good bioblitz data collection; estimates:
		1. 50 birds
		2. 30 trees
		3. 105 plants
		4. 22 fish
		5. \_\_ Herps
4. Grant Updates
	1. SHARE Grant (Sandy Hollow Arts and Recreation for the Environment)
		1. Will work on closing soon
	2. 2022 319 Grant
		1. Nissley Stream Restoration (1st UNT North)
			1. Design & permitting by Rettew
			2. Permits in hand
			3. Funding to do Phase 1 (500 linear Feet)
		2. Friends In Action Bioswale (Lynch Run)
			1. 5 submissions form RFPs
			2. Close to decision, will confirm with board not present via email
	3. 2025 319 Grant Application
		* 1. Due this Friday! Grants are offered yearly
		1. Finish Nissley Stream Restoration
			1. Will construct phase 2 (phase 1 in 2022 grant)
		2. Swatara Beagle Club Stream Restoration (Brills Run)
			1. Fish and Wildlife did design
			2. $400,000 project
		3. Funds for additional stream restoration (USFWS) and ag BMPs
			1. $300,000
5. Lancaster County Conservation District 319 Grant
	1. Conewago & Conewingo
	2. Buffers fencing & crossings in Tributaries from Lancaster
6. Fall Riparian Buffer Planting Opportunity
Tom Scott buffer, Hoffer Creek
	1. Dauphin County
	2. Old CREP buffer needs to be replanted and maintenance
	3. Ashley Spotts and Eli Liput are engaged in project
	4. Pre-planting site prep to treat reed canary grass
	5. Hope to engage E-town Rotary Volunteers
	6. Fall weekend TBD
7. Other Business and Announcements

	1. Penn State AEC Lower Susquehanna Regional Partnership Projects
		1. Nissley (Jubilee Dairy)
			1. DCCD CAP matchted with NFWF funding
			2. AG BMPs nearing completion
				1. Off stream watering, heavy use area, roofed manure & composting
		2. Hess
			1. Buffered, manure roofed storage, erosion prevention
		3. Zell
			1. NRCS, ACAP, buffer bonus (4 acres)
			2. 170 acre with cattle, NRCS rotational grazing
			3. Look who it is preserved by – Manada?
	2. New Business
		1. 3 Show case watersheds with USDA/NRCS involvement, and USGS long-term monitoring.
			1. 2023’s current state report on Bay Science showed other watersheds not responding to BMPs implemented, which could be due to a response gap, climate change etc. however Conewago trends improving in nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment – hypothesized due to more sediment reducing practices.
			2. How do we present and promote this data? Intern power?
		2. CCI website is being updated – can cross promote
		3. Look into targeted GIS Landowner outreach
8. Next Meeting
	1. Wednesday, July 17, 7pm
		1. Location TBD