

Spring Creek Watershed Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

In-Person and via Zoom

Harris Township Office

7:00 pm

1) Call to Order – Chairperson Brachbill 7:00pm

2) Roll Call and Introductions: Establish which Municipalities are present and recognize their representatives (Elected/Alternate).

ATTENDEES (A quorum was confirmed)

R. Brachbill – Chairperson/Bellefonte Borough

Bob Igo–Vice-Chair/Harris Township

K. Abbey – Treasurer/Ferguson Township

L. Murphy – Secretary/College Township

Elyse Johnson – AmeriCorps Member

Josh Portney – State College Borough

Susan Chyczewski – Patton Township

Douglas Mason – Patton Township

Jasmine Fields – State College Borough

3) Review Minutes of Previous Meeting:

September 18, 2024 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

4) Organizational:

Randy explained that in order to limit C-Net costs a tentative decision had been made to combine future Regular meetings and educational presentations. The Regular meeting will be from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm, and the educational presentation will follow.

5) Report of Officers and Committees:

Financial Report – Kevin Abbey – Treasurer

Kevin provided a review of accounts receivable and payable. The current cash balance in the General Administrative account as of

10/31/24 was \$48,126, and the Phase III account was \$2,150. Invoices have been sent to municipal members for 2025. The amount requested is the same as 2024.

Coordinating Committee – Bob Igo – Committee Chair

Bob described the recent and upcoming committee meetings and explained that stormwater was expected to be the primary topic for 2025.

Education Update – Doug Mason described recent presentations and in-field tours. Kevin expressed pleasure that there is a renewed interest in education.

AmeriCorps Update – Elyse Johnson described recent activities including a presentation to the PSU One Health Club, the PSU Stormwater tour (with Tracey Olexa), the Fish & Boat tour (with Jason Detar), and outreach to the Native Plant Society. The TU/SCWC Spring Creek cleanup/Redd Count is this coming Sunday, and volunteers are encouraged to sign up.

Atlas Update- Jon Eaton

The IT workgroup is meeting with HRG to finalize the map project layers.

6) New Business:

Proposed Goal for 2025 – Stormwater Management and Educational Outreach – Elyse/Bob - the plan is to build a better understanding of stormwater problems.

Lee added the following:

- We need to gather sufficient information on the nature, extent, and causes of stormwater problems. A place to start would be to review what we already have in Atlas and other sources. PA DEP has been asked for their data, but it is unknown if their limited staff will be able to provide it soon.
- Once a consensus exists on the problem we can endorse specific solutions, like projects, and model stormwater ordinances.
- Our understanding of technical aspects of stormwater would benefit from presentations from CCCD staff (who review stormwater permit requests from developers) and municipal staff

who have hands-on working knowledge of what is required (and not required) by current ordinances.

State of the Watershed Event – A motion was proposed and passed to hold the event March 27, 2025. Location TBD.

7) Relevant water-related news from member Municipalities:

Jasmine described projects in State College Borough's Walnut Springs with USFWS.

8) Matters of Records: (See [Event Calender](#) for details)

- SCWC ATLAS committee meeting 11/21/24 at 1pm in Patton Township lower meeting room
- SCWC Conservation & Stewardship Committee 1/7/25
- SCWC Authorities Committee 12/5/24
- SCWC Executive Committee 12/18/24 11:30-1:00
- SCWC Annual Member Meeting 1/15/25, 7-8 pm
- SCWC Governments Committee meeting 1/16/24

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 pm