**Spring Creek Watershed Commission**

August 21, 2019

Bellefonte Council Chambers

236 West Lamb Street

7:00 PM

**Special Guest Presentation**

**1) Call to Order:** 7:01 PM

**2) Introduce members: –** Bob Strouse (Halfmoon), Bill MacMath (Spring Township), Don Franson (Walker Township), Dennis Hameister (Harris Township), Joanne Tosti-Vasey (Bellefonte Borough), Bill Sharp (College Township), Chris Hurley (Patton Township),

**3) Approval of minutes,** Minutes from July & August will be approved in Sept

4) **Citizen Comments:** The public is invited to address the Commission on items not on the agenda. (5 minutes per commentary). Electronic copy of comments should be submitted to SCWC & will be added to meeting minutes.

**David Yoxheimer**, Water Resources Monitoring Project

* Keystone Water Resources Center – Proud to move offices to Bellefonte Borough. 208 South Spring Street.

5) **Educational Topic**: ***“One is Not a Simple Number”***  Jim Weaver, Retired Tioga County Planner & Biologist,

* Member of the County Planning Directors Association of Pennsylvania (CPDAP) and their One Water Task Force.
* Some communities have gotten better about water and air pollution, some have not.

About the County Planning Directors Association of Pennsylvania (CPDAP)

* Task force created 6 years ago to assist county planners across Pennsylvania in water resource planning
* Developed a series of documents, white papers, and checklists to further the concept of one water plans.
  + Focused on county planners
* Produced the best example of integrated water management in Pennsylvania that Weaver has seen
* Disclaimer: this presentation just represents one member’s opinion and does not necessarily reflect the policy or position of the CPDAP or CCAP.

American Water Resources Association – pushing one water

* Long term sustainability, participatory decision making, management based on sound science
* Actions of CPDAP
  + - Participate with the state geospatial board and GIS pro in their activities.
    - Design steps to make a state water plan
    - Increase the capacity of county GIS and planning departments
    - Evaluate karst topography and rapid population growth
* Need comprehensive list of needed datasets for counties, agencies, major players in the realm of water
  + Counties can act as liaisons between lead organizations.
  + Encourage multi-municipal planning
  + Primary collaboration driver: cost of MS4 permitting and implementation

State Water Plan – Pennsylvania Water Atlas of the State Water Plan

* We need a paradigm shift
  + Taken this pristine / automatically functioning cycle and turned it into a complicated mess
* Get 40% more clean water and enhance water cycle, reduce flooding by 80%, improve ag production without more sediment and nutrient pollution and sequester carbon
  + Everyone must take personal responsibility
  + Stop using our water system as a garbage can
  + Non-toxic textiles
  + Composting / remove human manure from water stream
* 200,000 acres of farmland. If they raised the organic matter by 1%: how much water could they store? 161,000 gallons
* Waste = food
* 1% covers 6 inches of rain
* Pharmaceuticals in water: also an issue
* Constitutional right: duty to conserve and maintain natural resources. From the state water plan and paraphrased from the state constitution

Todd Giddings: mentioned we are very fortunate to have Penn State University’s high-end research and living filter and zero discharge to our waterways because of this

David Roberts: Asked for examples of critical areas that should be protected and conserved.

* Weaver: State water plan identified State College as stressed.
* Focus across the commonwealth Chesapeake bay / sediment & nutrient issues

Janie French: Has CPAP created a message that filters down on how to work systematically across all of these entities?

* Weaver: No, haven’t figured that out. County planners are focused on a wide variety of things and some are not even thinking about water resources.

**6)** **Old Business:**

A) Report from Technical Workgroup & Steering Committee re: “One Water Report”

* There has been discussion on how to do marketing and promotion on a one water plan.
  + Cory Miller and Jason Detar spent time with CNET. A 15-20 minute video and will be getting together shortly to get this underway.
  + Will inform municipalities on what has happened since they first read the report.

Joanne Tosti-Vasey: Since the video isn’t done, should the SCWC vote on adopting the Phase II report in September?

* Hameister: This group votes on plan in September and this is the first hurdle. From that point, it goes back to municipalities to approve the document.

Bill Sharp: Does this group need to work on a report or do we need to go back to municipalities again?

* Only the municipalities whose SCWC members vote yes participate in the one water plan moving forward.

Deb Nardone: What has been distributed to the municipalities so far? Are they aware that they should be discussing this now?

* Dennis Hameister: Each municipality should be discussing it.
* Chris Hurley: Gave draft of the report to his municipality. Other feedback has been collected as well.

Joanne Tosti-Vasey: We’d like to recommend this to each municipality noting that those communities that sign on will participate moving forward. They can join / drop out when they want

Ford Stryker: A clear draft resolution would be helpful help clarify what a municipality is voting on.

* Write down exactly what we want the municipalities to vote on
* Technical workgroup and steering committee reconvene after September meeting to work on a draft resolution
* Would parallel well with the video / having something written down
* Joanne Tosti-Vasey: Motion for tech workgroup craft a model resolution that will be presented at sept meeting to be revised and approved.
  + Chris seconded
  + All in favor (7)

Don Franson: The resolution should include what the municipality is responsible for if they vote yes.

**7) Financial Report:** Will be presented in September

**8) Once Around the Watershed:** Members are asked to share relevant water related news from their municipality.

Bellefonte:

* Under the lights 9/6 dinner by the waterfront 800 tickets sold fundraiser for downtown Bellefonte incorporated
* Water Authority will be opening RFPS in December for a hard cover design for Big Spring and then will be sent to DEP to approve.

University Area Joint Authority – Cory Miller:

* UAJA now producing 2 mil gallons a day reuse water.
* Contractor finished activated second reverse osmosis rig
* Executed the documents for solar phase II
* More than double the solar facility they have now

Susquehanna River Basin Commission - Andy Gavin:

* Updating information on SRBC supplied water use and availability.
* Working on a basin-wide continuous in-stream water monitoring network.

**Remaining meetings for 2019: Sept. 18, Nov. 20.**

CNET Air Times: This meeting can be viewed on Channel 7 (CGTV) on

Wednesday, August 28 – 7 p.m.

Saturday, August 31 – noon

Sunday, September 1 – 4 p.m.

Monday, September 2 - 6 a.m.

Wednesday, September 3 – 12 a.m.

Watch the program for free at your convenience at www.cnet1.org

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