

**Spring Creek Watershed Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom
— DRAFT MINUTE —**

CALL TO ORDER

Joanne Tosti-Vasey called the meeting to order at 7:05pm on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 via Zoom

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

VOTING MEMBERS:

Joanne Tosti-Vasey - Bellefonte Borough (Chair)
Paul Takac - College Township (Vice Chair)
Robert L Igo - Harris Township
Douglas Mason - Patton Township
Janet Engeman - State College Borough
Donald Franson - Walker Township

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jon Eaton - Bellefonte Alt
Bill Sharp - College Township Alt (Treasurer)
Jasmine Fields - State College Borough Alt
Bob Carline - Atlas Project
Erin Lelavey - HRG for Centre County
David Roberts
Terry Melton
Donna Stoicovy
Ron Porter
Seth Young
Colleen Delong - Clearwater Conservancy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the September 2021 meeting minutes has been tabled until the next meeting due to lack of quorum.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

David Roberts - Wanted to make the commission aware of the passage of the infrastructure bill and the money that will be available in hopes that SCWC could bring some of that money to the area.

EDUCATIONAL TOPIC

Title: Riparian Buffers of Clearwater Conservancy.
Speaker: Colleen Delong, Habitat Stewardship Biologist Clearwater Conservancy

OLD BUSINESS

One Water Report: Paul Takac

We currently have 7 of the 12 municipalities in agreement with moving forward with Phase 3 of the One Water Plan with 1 municipality pending, Bellefonte Borough. Currently in the process of presenting to the other municipalities as

well. The 7 municipalities that are in agreement are Halfmoon, Ferguson, College, Patton, Harris, Walker, State College Borough.

Next Step would be to create a Phase 3 working group if everyone approves to do so. Bill Sharp had a short discussion on how they created the Phase 2 working group and suggestions on how to create the working group at the next meeting.

It was suggested to create a steering group to help create a proposal of potential people for the Phase 3 working group for the next board meeting.

Steering group: Paul Takac, Bill Sharp, Doug Mason, and Joanne Tosti-Vasey

Atlas Project: Bob Carline

Posted an article on Forest of the Spring Creek Watershed by Jim Finley.

Friday, November 19 Atlas group will be having their monthly meeting, everyone is welcome to attend.

No update on the award program.

Education Committee: Doug Mason, Jasmine Fields, Terry Melton

Jasmine stated that they are working on finalizing the list for 2022 but need to speak with Joann to finalize the list.

Doug presented the first three presenters of 2022

January - Dave Roberts: PFAS - Forever Chemicals

March - Lexi Ore: Stream Flow and Quality

May - Tony Buda: Climate and Spring Creek

Doug also mentioned that Terry is no longer on the education committee.

Robert Igo suggested a presentation in regards to population growth in Centre County.

NEW BUSINESS

It was asked if we would like to have virtual meetings or be back in person.

Janet Engeman would like to continue virtually

Robert Igo would like to have a hybrid

Short discussion took place on how and where to do hybrid meetings.

It was agreed to continue the meetings every other month and the third wednesday for meetings.

FINANCIALS

Presented by Bill Sharp

August 2021

	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
PROJECT FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.63
GENERAL FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,014.64

September 2021

	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
PROJECT FUND	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$2,015.63
GENERAL FUND	\$2,050.00	\$1,900.00	\$25,064.64

Note: the credit is a check from June that was voided.

October 2021

	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
PROJECT FUND	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$2,015.63
GENERAL FUND	\$0.00	\$2,228.60	\$28,093.24

Note: Credit is for 2022 membership contributions from Ferguson and Walker Townships

ONCE AROUND THE WATERSHED

Walker Township - Nothing to report

State College Borough - Nothing to report

Patton Township - Nothing to report

Harris Township - Nothing to report

College Township - Nothing to report

Bellefonte Borough - Received a request from the Fish and Boat Commission to plant trees along the waterfront area. Looking into that possibility depending on the trees available that will not create damage to the wall. Bellefonte and State College have a climate action program and were paired up as 'buddy towns' and have been working together for about 3 months. Bellefonte Water Authority had a meeting in regards to the cover that is on the big spring.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm on Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

Next meeting is January 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm and will be a hybrid meeting.

The November 17 Spring Creek Watershed Commission Meeting is being sponsored by the Centre Region COG and will appear on cnet1.org and air on CGTV (cable channel 7):

Monday, November 29 - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 1 - 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 2 - 6:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 5 - 10:00 a.m.
