

**Spring Creek Watershed Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom**

CALL TO ORDER

Joanne Tosti-Vasey called the meeting to order at 7:07pm on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 via Zoom

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

VOTING MEMBERS:

Joanne Tosti-Vasey - Bellefonte Borough (Chair)
Paul Takac - College Township (Vice Chair)
Jim Lanning - Benner Township (Secretary)
George Harrigan - Harris Township
Douglas Mason - Patton Township
Janet Engeman - State College Borough
Prasenjit Mitra - Ferguson Township
Larry Lingle - Benner Twp

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Izen Lingenfelter - Communication Coordinator
Corey Rilk - Centre Region Planning Agency
Jasmine Fields - State College Borough
Ally Ulsh - Chesapeake Bay Technician
Art Gover - Potter Twp
Todd Giddings - Hydrogeologist - Ferguson Township
John Easton - Bellefonte Borough

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept March 2021 minutes by Paul Takac, Second by Doug Mason. Art Grover mentioned that the meeting minutes did not have a date for the Atlas Meeting which should have been March 19, 2021. Passed unanimously with one amendment.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No comments at this time

EDUCATIONAL TOPIC

“Water Resource Monitoring” by Lexie Buck - Not in attendance

OLD BUSINESS

One Water Report:

Paul Takac did a recap of the status of the presentation. Delivered it 4 times to various townships. Benner Water Authority - passed a

resolution of support - Halfmoon Township Supervisors - voted to support. Continuing to work on Harris and Patton Townships
Link to presentation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oh1pXG75kQg>

Link to resolution:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/0o4f3oqlvit2xo0/Resolution%20Supporting%20the%20Spring%20Creek%20Watershed%20Commission%20Phase%20II%20Report%20and%20Phase%20III%20Development%20Project%20%5BMunicipality%20copy%5D.docx?dl=0>

Financial Planning Committee:

Presented by Paul Takac - suggested deferring the fundraising group to the working group that will be formed later.

Caitlin Teti Master's Project Plan:

Caitlin Teti - no report at this time. Working on a presentation for the future.

Atlas Project:

Bob Carline - no report at time time. May's meeting was rescheduled to Friday, June 25, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

Education Committee:

Educational Topics for 2021

July 21st – Clearwater Conservancy – Centred Outdoors

September 15th, Lara Fowler, "Understanding and Stewarding Water Quality, a Legal Perspective"

November 17 – Clearwater Conservancy – Riparian Buffers of Clearwater Conservancy

SCWC Facebook Page:

Izen Lingenfelter gave a brief update on the status of the Facebook page and will be posting various updates and articles to the page.

Microplastic Pollution in the Spring Creek Watershed:

Presentation by Jasmine Fields on possible educational solutions - tabled to July

NEW BUSINESS

Invoicing Municipalities for memberships in 2022:

Timing to match municipal budget planning - Prasenjit Mitra suggested that we send the invoices out in early November and use 2020 census numbers. George Harrigan recommended we send out invoices in July. Larry Lingle suggested we send them out in September. John Easton and Paul Takac also agreed on a

September mailing but we use 2010 Census numbers unless 2020 are available..

Motion to send out the SCWC invoices by September 1st of each year by Larry Lingle. Second by George Harrigan.

Paul Takac would like to amend that motion that we also use 2010 Census numbers unless we have 2020 numbers by the time for billing. Second by Prasenjit Mitra.
Passed unanimously

Main motion - Passed unanimously

How to hold our meetings going forward:

Shall we continue with Zoom meetings, in person meetings, or a Hybrid meeting to have both in person and zoom capabilities.
Paul Takac suggested that we hold the rest of the meetings for the remainder of the hybrid.

Janet Engeman suggest Hybrid or Zoom

Jim Lanning is in favor of Zoom

Prasenjit Mitra is in favor of hybrid meetings and asked if the attendance has been better or worse compared to pre-covid?

Joanne Tosti-Vasey mentioned that we have zoom for the rest of the year with a savings of about \$40

Larry Lingle suggests zoom

George Harrigan suggests zoom and not hybrid

Larry Lingle makes a motion that SCWC continues meetings via zoom for the rest of the calendar year. Second by Prasenjit Mitra.
Passed unanimously

FINANCIALS

Presented by John Eaton

February 2021

	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
Project Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.63
General Fund	\$0.00	\$7,962.00	\$26,109.08

Credit – Memberships for 2020 and 2021

2020: Milesburg (2020), Walker Townships, College Township Water Authority.

2021: State College Borough plus Benner, and Patton

March 2021

	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
Project Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.63
General Fund	\$0.00	\$1,985.00	\$29,094.08

Credit – Memberships for 2021: Bellefonte Borough, Halfmoon Township, Potter Township, Spring Township

April 2021

	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
Project Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.63
General Fund	\$79.45	\$7,962.00	\$28,014.63

Debit - Zoom fee

ONCE AROUND THE WATERSHED

George Harrigan - Harris Township - No Report

Larry Lingle - Benner Twp - No Report

Paul Takac - College Township - approaching final vote on Aspen Heights development plan. Land wildlife reserve along Slab Cabin Run. Millbrook Marsh plans for educational building moving forward

Janet Engeman - State College Borough - No Report

Prasenjit Mitra - Ferguson Township - No Report

Douglas Mason - Patton Township - No Report

John Easton - Bellefonte Borough - Talleyrand Park modification for kayaks to safely travel. Students are working on the project, bypass, removal, or modification. interested in dam removal. George mentioned that this is a great educational piece for the group, Presentation was tapes by CNET - possibility of using it as an educational piece. Going to try and get that section to email to the group for viewing.

ADJOURNMENT

Prasenjit Mitra made a motion to adjourn. Second by Janet Engeman. Passed unanimously
Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm

Remaining Meetings for 2021 held via zoom

July 21, 2021

September 15, 2021

November 17, 2021

The May 19 Spring Creek Watershed Commission Meeting is being sponsored by Patton Township and it will appear on cnet1.org and air on CGTV (cable channel 7):

Wednesday, May 26 - 9:00 p.m.

Friday, May 28 - 2:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 29 - 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 30 - 4:00 p.m.
