

**Spring Creek Watershed Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
July 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM  
Hybrid Meeting: Zoom and in-person at  
Bellefonte Borough Municipal Building  
— DRAFT MINUTES —**

CALL TO ORDER

Dustin Best called the meeting to order at 7:00pm on Wednesday, July 19, 2023.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

VOTING MEMBERS:

Dustin Best - Chair (zoom) College Township  
Rany Brachbill - Vice Chair (in person) - Bellefonte Borough  
Jim Lanning - Secretary (in person) - Benner Township Alt  
Kevin Abbey - Treasurer (zoom) - Ferguson Township Alt  
Art Gover (zoom) - Potter Township Alt  
Don Franson (zoom) - Walker Township Alt  
Doug Mason (zoom) - Patton Township Alt  
Bob Igo (zoom) - Harris Township Alt

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Izen Lingenfelter (in person) - Communication Coordinator SCWC  
Lee Murphy (in person) - College Township Resident  
Debbie Cleeton (n person) - Bellefonte Borough Council  
Jon Eaton (in person) - Bellefonte Borough Resident  
Bob Vierck (in person) - Spring Creek Trout Unlimited / Atlas  
Jason Detar (in person) - PA Fish & Boat Commission  
Kristin Schoenecker (in person) - Penn State Student  
Dan Alters (in person) - Benner Township Resident  
Robert Carline (zoom) - Atlas Project  
Ivie Foster (zoom)  
Todd Giddings (zoom)  
Dave Roberts (zoom)  
Lynne Heritage (zoom)  
Lexie Orr (zoom) - Educational Presenter  
Deb Nardone (zoom)

CITIZEN COMMENTS

David Roberts - Benner Township resident: just announced that he was attending the meeting and glad to be back involved.

Robert Vierck - Spring Creek Trout Unlimited and founding member of Atlas: just announcing that he is in attendance

Kristin Schoenecker - Grad student at Penn State: just hear to make connections and learn

Jason Detar - PA Fish & Boat Commission: here to learn and participate

Ivie Foster - New watershed specialist for Centre County Conservation District

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the May 2023 meeting minutes by Randy Brachbill, second by Doug Mason.  
Kevin Abbey noted a few corrections: page 1 members in attendance - Corey Gracie-Griffin should be listed as the voting member for Ferguson Township. Page 3 Around the Watershed PFAS (correct spelling)

Original motion died.

Motion to accept the May 2023 meeting minutes as amended by Randy Brachbill, second by Doug Mason.

All in favor. Passed unanimously.

## NEW AGENDA ITEMS

No additional agenda items at this time.

## EDUCATIONAL TOPIC

Introduction by Doug Mason, Education Committee

Presenter: Lexie Orr, PhD candidate in the Ecosystem and Science and Management Department at Penn State University.

Topic: Spring Creek Monitoring Project

## REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

A) Executive Committee: Dustin Best: Chair

Met several times since the last meeting. Main point of focus was the budget.

B) Officer reports:

Vice Chair: Randy Brachbill

Attended the following meetings: May 17th SCWC meeting, May 22nd Executive meeting, May 23rd Coordinating Committee with Bob Igo, June 13th Executive meeting for budget, May 31st Benner Township to listen to their water issues, June 15th Atlas meeting, June 21st Executive meeting for budget, July 6th Executive meeting final budget.

Secretary: Jim Lanning

Commented how important communication is and asked that people check out the website and keep communication open so we can keep moving forward.

Treasurer: Kevin Abbey

Will give a report later in the meeting.

C) Standing Committee Reports

Phase 3 Coordinating Committee: Bob Igo

Had several committee meetings to date and a few scheduled over the next few weeks. The Government committee is meeting on Thursday and will review the projects that are going on in the townships. Mill Brook Marsh Project, and Chesapeake Bay EPA settlement. The Authorities Committee will be discussing the Benner Township situation, Mill Brook Marsh from a COG perspective, and look at mapping with HRG.

Atlas: Bob Carline

Since the Commission's last meeting we have published two more articles, bringing our total to 58. Pam Adams authored an article of climate change and Julie Brooks authored an article on the Bellefonte wastewater treatment plant.

We sent out a request for bids for development of an interactive map to augment our online Atlas. We obtained bids for printing a second edition of a brochure that describes the Atlas. Thanks to Doug Mason who spoke with Dr. Parizek who agreed to a question and answer style program about water resources. CNet is willing to record and televise it so we can archive it with Atlas. Our next committee meeting is tomorrow, 1 PM, at the Patton Township Building.

## OLD BUSINESS

### A) Phase 2 fund balance transfer, Presenter: Kevin Abbey

Kevin gave an overview of the Phase II account that was established for the efforts needed to complete Phase II that has a balance of \$2,150.63. Recommendation is to move that account amount to the Phase III account.

Motion by Bob Igo to move account # 2601 Phase II Planning with a balance of \$2,150.63 to Phase III account, second by Jim Lanning.

All in favor. Passed unanimously.

### B) 2024 Budget, Presenters: Randy Brachbill, Kevin Abbey

You can review budget document here: [SCWC 2024 Draft Budget 1.2- 062123.pdf](#)

Randy reviewed the 2024 budget document and the proposed rate increase.

Kevin reviewed the details of how the budget was created.

Motion to accept the 2024 budget by Bob Igo, second by Jim Lanning.

All in favor. Passed unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

### A) Standing Committee Guidelines, Presenter: Randy Brachbill

You can review document here: [Standing Committee Guidelines.pdf](#)

Randy reviewed the guidelines. Asked to have everyone review and will bring it back up for final review at the next meeting.

## FINANCIALS

Presented by Kevin Abbey - Treasurer

You can review report here: [71923 Financial Report.pdf](#)

Kevin reviewed the Treasures report. Currently working on the annual report and should be out soon to all municipalities.

## APPROVAL OF BILLS

No bills for approval at this time

## ONCE AROUND THE WATERSHED

Walker Township: Nothing to report

Potter Township: Nothing to report

Patton Township: Nothing to report

Harris Township: Nothing to report

Ferguson Township: Nothing to report

College Township: Nothing to report

Benner Township: Benner Township has a new veterans service program - new park

Bellefonte Borough: Water Street is coming along. Hoping that it is finished by August.

## MATTERS OF RECORD

### A) Executive Committee meetings

- 1) 26 July, 11-1230pm, Camp Breac, "Strategy, Value added, and Messaging for SCWC"
- 2) 23 August, 11-1230pm, 2310 West Gatesburg Road, Warrior's Mark, PA

Remaining meetings for 2023:

September 20, 2023

November 15, 2023

## ADJOURNMENT

Rany Brachbill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Dustin Best .  
Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm on Wednesday, July 19, 2023.

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The meeting will air on CGTV (Comcast Channel 7) at the following times:

Wednesday, July 26 – 9:30 p.m.

Friday, July 28 – 2:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 29 – 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 30 – 4:00 p.m.

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