

Spring Creek Watershed Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Held via Zoom
— DRAFT MINUTE —

CALL TO ORDER

Paul Takac called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm on Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

VOTING MEMBERS:

Paul Takac - College Township (Chair)
Jon Eaton - Bellefonte Borough Alt
Robert L Igo - Harris Township
Douglas Mason - Patton Township Alt
Donald Franson - Walker Township
Mark Garlicki - Ferguson Township
Jasmine Field - State College Borough
Jim Lanning - Benner Township (Secretary)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Joanne Tosti-Vasey - Bellefonte Borough (Vice Chair)
Kevin Abbey - Ferguson Township Alt
Izen Lingenfelter - Communication Coordinator SCWC
Bill Sharp - College Township Alt (Treasurer)
Dave Roberts
Devyn McPheeters
Corey Rilk
Todd Giddings
Srishti Gupta - Guest Speaker
Tony Buda - Guest Speaker
Edward Galus

CITIZEN COMMENTS

David Roberts - discussed his previous presentation and some recent results that they received with Pfas chemicals. David will send an updated report to share in the minutes.

NEW AGENDA ITEMS

No new agenda items to review.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the March 2022 meeting minutes by Jon Eaton, second by Doug Mason.
Passed unanimously.

EDUCATIONAL TOPIC

When It Rains, It Pours: Examining the Links Between Climate Change, Extreme Rainfall and Flooding by Tony Buda

OLD BUSINESS

One Water Plan - Phase III Working Group: Paul Takac

Paul gave an overview of the One Water Plan and the status of where things are with Phase III.

Executive Committee members met on April 28th which consisted of Paul Takac, Joanne Tosti-Vasey, Bill Sharp, Jim Lanning, and Doug Mason. Reviewed the outline of nominees and tasks of various responsibilities.

Review names and background of potential nominees (see attached)

Discussion took place on various other potential names and organizations that may be a good candidate for resource

Motion to approve the slate of nomination and form the Phase III working Group made by Jon Eaton, second by Bob Igo. Passed unanimously.

PA Sustainability Institute possible student project(s): Joanne Tosti Vasey

Joanne discussed the overview of the PA Sustainability Institute and that they are looking for projects for the students to complete in regards to the Phase III One Water Plan.

Short discussion took place on possible projects that the students could complete. Paul Takac recommended that the members of the working group come up with ideas and present them to Joanne by May 27th.

Atlas Project: Paul Takac

Paul reviewed the description of the Mentor Award (attached). The Atlas group is creating a slate of nominees of potential award recipients.

Motion to accept the Atlas Mentor Award Program as described in their description by Doug Mason, second by Jim Lanning.

Jim Lanning mentioned that Bob Carline should be on that list.

Motion to amend the wording of thof the description of the Atlas Award by Jon Eaton, second by Jim Lanning. Passed unanimously.

Original motion above passed unanimously.

Education Committee: Doug Mason

July 2022 - Gary Moorman: The Senior Environmental Corps program & other volunteer opportunities available through Clearwater Conservancy

September 2022 - PSU Professor Lauren McPhillips: Walnut Springs Constructed Wetland in the Borough

November 2022 - Kimberlie Gridley: tentative title Pennsylvania's One Water Task Force

Social Media and Public Relations: Izen Lingenfelter

Posting on Facebook for upcoming meetings and articles from atlas.

Discussed the updates to the website with the Phase III documents.

NEW BUSINESS

Guest Speaker: Water Data Collaborative and Mainstream Network by Srishti Gupta, PhD. Candidate Penn State

FINANCIALS

Presented by Bill Sharp

February 28, 2022

	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
PROJECT FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.63
GENERAL FUND	\$0.00	\$2,228.60	\$28,384.64

March 31, 2022

	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
PROJECT FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.63
GENERAL FUND	\$1,060.00	\$0.00	\$27,324.64

April 30, 2022

	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
PROJECT FUND	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.63
GENERAL FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,324.64

ONCE AROUND THE WATERSHED

Bill Sharp - College Township: Attended the Groundwater Symposium

Robert L Igo - Harris Township: No report

Jim Lanning - Benner Township: Get Outdoors Event on June 5th

Mark Garlicki - Ferguson Township: No report

Paul Takac - College Township: No report

Douglas Mason - Patton Township: No report

Jasmine Field - State College Borough: Had the MS4 Annual Inspections. Did well with no violations. Begun survey for stream restoration project.

Jon Eaton - Bellefonte Borough: No report

Discussed the option of having the July meeting via zoom.

REMAINING MEETINGS FOR 2022

July 20, 2022

September 21, 2022

November 16, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

Bob Igo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Jim Lanning.

Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm on Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

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One Water Plan

Phase III Working Group

Proposed Initial Slate of Nominees

Nominee	Background
Deb Nardone	ClearWater Conservancy
Jasmine Fields	Sustainability Director - SC Borough, SCWC
John Arway	Retired Fish and Boat Commission
Mark Ralston	Hydrologist
Ray Stolinis	Director Centre County Planning
Warren Miller	Spring Benner Walker Water Authority
Bob Carline	Hydrologist, Watershed Atlas
Bob Igo	Harris Township SCWC member
Dave Roberts	Sierra Club, Nittany Valley Environmental Coalition
Ford Stryker	Trout Unlimited & PSU OPP
Kevin Abbey	Ferguson Township
Lynn Mitchel	PSU Office of Sponsored Programs
Jim Lanning	Benner Twp Water Authority
Bill Sharp	SCWC, planning, Transition Center (fundraising)
Municipal Appointees to SCWC	Ex officio

Potential future additions or outside consultants	
Corey Miller	University Area Joint Authority
Lara Fowler	Water law expert
John Dawes	ED Foundation for PA Watersheds - fundraising
Nick Rockwell	PSU Legislative Director
Ryan Hamilton	Land Conservation Mgr, Clearwater Conservancy & Attorney
Larry Lingle	Benner Twp Supervisor
Terry Melton	Nittany Valley Environmental Coalition

Spring Creek Watershed Mentor Award

Description of Award: The Spring Creek Watershed Atlas Workgroup, operating under the auspices of the Spring Creek Watershed Commission, has assembled a list of individuals who have made or are making significant contributions to management and conservation of water resources in the Spring Creek Watershed. Many of the recognized individuals are not water resource professionals, but rather, they are volunteers who have devoted many hours to protecting our treasured resources. Some of the individuals are professionals who have gone well beyond their normal duties to ensure that the watershed is well protected and properly managed. The citizens of the Spring Creek Watershed are indebted to all of these individuals for their tireless efforts to conserve our watershed.