

**Spring Creek Watershed Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom**

CALL TO ORDER

Joanne Tosti-Vasey called the meeting to order at 7:05pm on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 via Zoom

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

VOTING MEMBERS:

Joanne Tosti-Vasey - Bellefonte Borough (Chair)  
Paul Takac - College Township (Vice Chair)  
Douglas Mason - Patton Township (Alternative)  
Bill Sharp - College Township (Alternative)  
Art Gover - Potter Township  
Donald Franson - Walker Township

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Izen Lingenfelter - Communication Coordinator  
Todd Giddings - Ferguson Township  
Dan Trew - Clearwater Conservancy  
Bob Carline - Atlas Work Group  
Fran Stevenson - Spring Creek Chapter Trout Unlimited  
John Easton - Bellefonte Borough  
Bernard Hoffnar - arrived at 7:21pm - S.C. Borough Water Authority

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No comments at this time

EDUCATIONAL TOPIC

Presenter: Dan Trew  
Title: Centred Outdoors Presenter: Clearwater Conservancy  
Discussed the history and projects that Clearwater Conservancy does for the community including Centered Outdoors.

Website:

<https://www.centredoutdoors.org/>

Digital Passport Link:

[https://8d1f1fd8-1453-441b-b5d3-0ea56534ba93.filesusr.com/ugd/ff827f\\_210cb61697db4e2883bcb5d52a38e653.pdf](https://8d1f1fd8-1453-441b-b5d3-0ea56534ba93.filesusr.com/ugd/ff827f_210cb61697db4e2883bcb5d52a38e653.pdf)

## OLD BUSINESS

### One Water Report:

Powerpoint Presentation Status – Paul Takac gave a quick update and thus far made 5 presentations and currently have all 5 on board to move forward. They include Halfmoon, Patton, Ferguson, Harris, and College Townships. have a presentation in 2 weeks with Bellefonte borough.

### Caitlin Teti Master's Project Plan:

No report at this time. Working on plan and will email out once completed. Will be presented virtually Week of August 9th.

### Atlas Project:

Presented by Bob Carline

Current Status - Continue to meet every month. Currently have up to 50 or 51 articles posted at this point.

Award proposal from the Atlas Workgroup - Recently the Atlas Work Group has discussed the idea of developing an award to recognize individuals who have made notable contributions to conservation of the Spring Creek Watershed. Given that the establishment of an award and selection of recipients was not in the original charge to the Atlas Work Group, the Work Group is asking the Commission if they like the idea of an award and if so, should the Work Group develop some criteria for the Commission's review?

General Thoughts on this topic - Joanne Tosti-Vasey thinks it would be great if the Atlas group would put some criteria together (how it would work, how to present it, so on) for review. Feels that the award should come from the SCWC. Bob agrees and would use Atlas as the award committee.

Paul Takac likes the thought and feels it would be a great PR tool for the community.

Bill Sharp suggests an annual award or individual awards that made a major contribution to the watershed. Feels that recognizing them would build a tradition moving forward.

Book option of the Atlas - Still in research stage at this point

Next Atlas meeting is August 20, 2021 at 12 noon via zoom - Bill Sharp suggest we send out invite to the people to get more in people attendance

Education Committee:

Educational Topics for 2021

- September 15th, Lara Fowler, "Understanding and Stewarding Water Quality, a Legal Perspective"
- November 17 – Clearwater Conservancy – Riparian Buffers of Clearwater Conservancy

Joanne Tosti-Vasey states that we need to set up a new education committee and new chair. Doug Mason will chair and form a committee. Jasmine and Terri Melton will be on that committee as well.

SCWC Facebook Page:

Izen Lingenfelter gave a brief overview of Facebook page. There is a pop up on the SCWC Website to announce that there is a Facebook page to get visitors to like the page. Posting Atlas articles to help create content for posting and requesting that people in attendance share information for posting or email SCWC so we can share their information.

Microplastic Pollution in the Spring Creek Watershed:

Presentation by Jasmine Fields on possible educational solutions.  
No presentation at this time.

Invoicing Municipalities for memberships in 2022:

Census has not been updated as of yet. If census not updated by September 1st, we will use 2010 census

NEW BUSINESS

George Harrigan, Harris Township representative, has resigned from the Commission. Replacement to be made next month during the August 9th township meeting.

Kaywood Estates Development on Cedar Run in Harris Township – No speaker for tonight - update sent via email (see below)

*The plans for Kaywood North Estates are available for review below. The plan proposes the creation of thirteen (13) buildings lots and an open space lot meeting the requirements of the Open Space – Rural Clustering regulations on the property that remained undeveloped from the Kaywood North subdivision several years ago. All lots are zoned Agricultural and would be served by on-lot septic systems; nearly all lots would be served by public water. Fire protection for most of the development would be through existing fire hydrants and one proposed hydrant, as well as either a water storage tank or fire suppression sprinkler system on the sole lot proposing access onto Linden Hall Road.*

*The Plan was reviewed by our engineer for compliance with our stormwater ordinance. The preliminary plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 10, 2021. Anyone with questions may direct them to Amy Farkas, Township Manager, at [manager@harristownship.org](mailto:manager@harristownship.org). As a reminder, the Township is an MS4 community and a member of the Spring Creek Watershed Commission*

A short discuss on this plan took place

**FINANCIALS**

Presented by Bill Sharp and John Eaton  
 Memberships received for 2021: Bellefonte Borough, State College Borough, Benner Township, Halfmoon Township, Patton Township, Potter Township, Spring Township

**April 2021**

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

**May 2021**

	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
Project Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.63
General Fund	\$124.99	\$0.00	\$27,889.64

**June 2021**

	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
Project Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.63
General Fund	\$1,900	\$0.00	\$25,989.64

Note: the debit is a docketed estimate of expenses and is pending final approval.

## ONCE AROUND THE WATERSHED

College Twp - Paul Takac - College 'Township Night' at State College Spikes game August 7th at 6:30pm set up around 5pm - we can set up tables to highlight organizations that contribute to College Township and the area. Would like to know if we would like to do so. Great opportunity for public outreach. Please send Paul an email if interested. Bill Sharp mentioned that we do have materials if someone wanted to set up.

Walker Township - no report

Patton Township - no report

Potter Township - no report

Bellefonte Borough - Joanne - 3rd annual 'Under the Lights' event is being held September 3rd and 4th at 5pm. Tickets are on sale now. [downtownbellfonte.org](http://downtownbellfonte.org) for tickets. VIP tickets are available for private tours as well.

State College and Bellefonte entered into the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) sustainability training. Reach out to Joanne or Heidi Kunka at DEP [hkunka@pa.go](mailto:hkunka@pa.go) for more information.

## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm

## Remaining Meetings for 2021

September 15, 2021

November 17, 2021

The July 21 Spring Creek Watershed Commission Meeting is being sponsored by State College and will appear on [cnet1.org](http://cnet1.org) and air on CGTV (cable channel 7):

Wednesday, July 28 - 9:00 p.m.

Friday, July 30 - 2:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 31 - 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 1 - 4:00 p.m.