

Spring Creek Watershed Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Hybrid - in person and via Zoom
— DRAFT MINUTE —

CALL TO ORDER

Joanne Tosti-Vasey called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm on Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

VOTING MEMBERS:

Joanne Tosti-Vasey - Bellefonte Borough (Vice Chair)
Robert L Igo - Harris Township
Jim Lanning - Benner Township (Secretary) (zoom)
Mark Garlicki - Ferguson Township (zoom)
Douglas Mason - Patton Township Alt (zoom)
Donald Franson - Walker Township (zoom)
Art Gover - Potter Township (zoom)
Janet Engeman - State College Borough (zoom)
Bill Sharp - College Township Alt (Treasurer) (zoom)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jasmine Field - State College Borough Alt (zoom)
Ray Stolinas - Centre County Planning Office
Richard Novac - Fish and Wildlife (zoom)
Jon Eaton - Bellefonte Borough Alt (zoom)
Bob Carline - Atlas Project (zoom)
Brian Heiser - State College Water Borough Authority (zoom)
Izen Lingenfelter - Communication Coordinator SCWC

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No comments at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the January 2022 meeting minutes by Bob Igo, second by Doug Mason.
Passed unanimously.

EDUCATIONAL TOPIC

No educational presentation for this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

One Water Report: Bill Sharp

Status update on project to establish Phase III Working Group

Reviewed the documents that were uploaded to the SCWC website which include the SCWC Phase III Planning Project Overview document, SCWC Executive Committee Meeting Notes from March 13, 2022, and the Phase II Technical Workgroup List.

Motion to allow the Executive Committee to review the nominees and to create the slate of 6 community members and 6 technical experts made by Jim Lanning, second by Doug Mason. All in favor. Passed unanimously.

Next step is to send nominations with the following information (Name, organization they are associated with, whether the nomination is a technical, expert, or community member, and a statement on what that person can bring to the advisory board) to Izen Lingenfelter at springcreekwatershedcommission@gmail.com and Paul Takac at Ptakac@collegetownship.org by April 1, 2022.

One Water Plan video presentation

Video is uploaded to YouTube and also available on the SCWC website

Potential funding source updates: Joanne Tosti-Vasey

Joanne attended the White House Intergovernmental Affairs Office weekly briefly and there was a discussion on the bipartisan infrastructure law with a listing of 500 page grants that were available. 7 of these grants are at the federal level that might be able to help fund the Phase III project. 4 of the 7 grants are from the Department of Agriculture and they are shovel ready projects and education but nothing on planning. The Department of Interior has a watershed rehab and supportive watershed help and EPA has 3 possible grants with 1 particular to planning.

Atlas Project: Bob Carline

Current Status: Since the last Atlas meeting we have published a butterfly article. Art in the Watershed page is launched and can view it on the website.

Award Proposal from the Atlas Workgroup: Still working on edits of the bios and information. Will have a full report at the next meeting.

Education Committee: Doug Mason

May 2022 - Anthony Buda: Climate Modeling of the Spring Creek Watershed in light of increasing extreme weather

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

SCWC Facebook Page: Izen Lingenfelter

Continuing to post on Facebook for upcoming meetings and articles from atlas. Discussed the updates to the website with the Phase III documents.

Reminder: Groundwater Symposium, May 5th: Bill Sharp

Discussed the registration for the Groundwater Symposium and that SCWC did approve members and alternates to attend if they so choose.

<https://iee.psu.edu/events/pennsylvania-groundwater-symposium>

If interested in attending, contact Paul Takac and Bill Sharp per Joanne.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business at this time.

FINANCIALS

Presented by Bill Sharp

December 2021

	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
PROJECT FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.63
GENERAL FUND	\$0.00	\$2,228.60	\$28,093.24

January 31, 2022

	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
PROJECT FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.63
GENERAL FUND	\$66.70	\$358.10	\$28,384.64

February 28, 2022

	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
PROJECT FUND	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.63
GENERAL FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,384.64

ONCE AROUND THE WATERSHED

Harris Township - Bob Igo mentioned that they just finished up on the board approved rural zoning initiative. Working on the official map that will include bikeways, roads, paths and future projects.

Benner Township - Jim Lanning is pleased with the progress on everything that is going on with SCWC and Phase III.

Ferguson Township - Mark Garlicki questioned what the Atlas group is. Bob Carline explained the purpose of the Atlas Project.

College Township - Bill Sharp gave an overview of the weather and stats from Penn State.

Patton Township - no report

Walker Township - no report

State College Borough - Janet Engeman mentioned their work with PennDot project along South Atherton Street.

Potter Township - Art Goover mentioned that Clearwater organized a project where they removed some invasive shrubs.

Bellefonte Borough - Joanne Tosti-Vasey mentioned State College and Bellefonte received a grant from Bright Cities to plant trees.

REMAINING MEETINGS FOR 2022

May 18, 2022

July 20, 2022

September 21, 2022

November 16, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

Bob Igo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Bill Sharp.
Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm on Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

The March 16, 2022 SCWC meeting will air on C-NET channel 7 at the following times.
The coverage is sponsored by Ferguson Township.

Wednesday, March 30 - 9:30 p.m.

Friday, April 1 - 2:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 2 - 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 3 - 4:00 p.m
