

Spring Creek Watershed Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 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 7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 19, 2022.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

VOTING MEMBERS:

Joanne Tosti-Vasey - Bellefonte Borough (Chair)
Paul Takac - College Township (Vice Chair)
Robert L Igo - Harris Township
Jim Lanning - Benner Township (Secretary) (zoom)
Janet Engeman - State College Borough (zoom)
Douglas Mason - Patton Township Alt (zoom)
Donald Franson - Walker Township (zoom)
Mike Danneker - Spring Township (zoom)
Art Grover - Potter Township (zoom)
Mark Garlicki - Ferguson Township (zoom)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bill Sharp - College Township Alt (Treasurer) (zoom)
Bob Carline - Atlas Project (zoom)
Corey Rilk - Centre Region Planning (zoom)
Ann Glaser - Potter Township Alt
Izen Lingenfelter - Communication Coordinator SCWC
Dave Roberts - Guest Speaker
Jasmine Field - State College Borough Alt (zoom)
Kevin Abbey - Ferguson Township Alt (zoom)
Jon Eaton - Bellefonte Borough Alt (zoom)

REORGANIZATION OF OFFICERS

Chair - must be an elected official

Jim Lanning nominates Paul Takac as chair, second by Doug Mason.
No other nominations - passed unanimously.

Vice Chair - must be a elected official

Janet Engeman nominates Joanne Tosti-Vasey as vice chair, second by Jim Lanning.
No other nominations - passed unanimously.

Secretary

Doug Mason nominates Jim Lanning as secretary, second by Bob Igo.
No other nominations - passed unanimously

Treasurer

Jim Lanning nominates Bill Sharp as Treasurer, second by Bob Igo..
No other nominations - passed unanimously

Paul Takac takes over the meeting as chair at 7:08 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the September 2021 and November 2021 meeting minutes by Bob Igo, second by Janet Engeman. Passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No comments at this time.

EDUCATIONAL TOPIC

Title: PFAS Contamination in Spring Creek

Speaker: Dave Roberts

OLD BUSINESS

One Water Report: Paul Takac

Paul gave a brief overview of the plan and status of the One Water Report.

Over the past year, we made presentations to 8 of the 12 members of the SCWC and received resolutions of approval from the required 7 members to move forward with the Phase III project of the One Water Plan. Paul would like to give the presentation to any organization that would be interested in viewing it and also post it on the website.

Bill Sharp discussed the Phase II project and how the technical work group was formed and the duties of that work group.

Next step is to reconstitute the Phase III working group by having an open call for potential candidates for the Phase III working group which will be reviewed and voted on at the next meeting.

Paul presented that we would like to have Izen send out an email with a call for nominations for the working group that will close in 30 days.

Mark Garlicki would like to view the presentation of the One Water Report and also asked who all could be on the technical working group. Paul and Bill noted that it can be any member of the SCWC and other people that have a significant impact on the Spring Creek Watershed.

Atlas Project: Bob Carline

Atlas launched their project 'Art in the Watershed' where artists can submit their pieces of art that are inspired by the watershed.

Working on an award program to recognize people that make a significant contribution to the watershed. Currently working on a list of potential award recipients and will present that list to the committee at the next meeting.

Bill Sharp talked about an interactive watershed map and the need for an updated map. We have an anonymous donor to help fund the project. Map will be a GIS format map.

Education Committee: Doug Mason

March 2022 - Lexi Buck: dissertation on the Spring Creek Watershed

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

July 2022 - Carolyn Hatley & Sarah Kania: 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

Brief update on the SCWC Facebook. Asked for participating members to like and follow the page. Will be posting articles from the Atlas group along with updates for the One Water Plan.

Atlas website has been going through some updates to allow for better navigation of articles and the art project.

NEW BUSINESS

Groundwater Symposium: Bill Sharp

Bill gave an overview of what the Groundwater Symposium is. The cost is \$40 or \$50 per person and the SCWC paid for approved members to attend in the past and would like to know if we could continue that for this year.

Joanne Tosti-Vasey made a motion for any commission member or alternate that would like to attend the 2022 Groundwater Symposium send their request to Paul for verification for payment, second by Bob Igo. passed unanimously.

Save the date: the 2022 PA Groundwater Symposium will take place May 5, 2022.

Registration to open soon. Abstracts for presentation and sponsorships due March 4, 2022.

Pennsylvania Groundwater Symposium – A Virtual Event

Symposium Date: May 5, 2022

Abstract Deadline: 5:00 PM, March 4, 2022

In celebration of National Drinking Water Week, Penn State Extension, the Master Well Owner Network, and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection along with numerous other sponsors and partners are seeking presenters and sponsors for the 2022 Pennsylvania Groundwater Symposium to be held online. The PA Groundwater Symposium provides a forum for researchers, students, professionals and educators working in the groundwater field to exchange information and promote protection of groundwater resources throughout the state. The day-long symposium will include a mix of recorded and live sessions. Plenary and concurrent session speakers will address numerous important groundwater issues in Pennsylvania. Registrants can also receive continuing education credits for attending all sessions. The complete Symposium agenda and registration will be available in March.

Call for Presenters

Abstracts for presentation can be submitted on a wide variety of groundwater topics including but not limited to: groundwater monitoring, climate impacts on groundwater, data availability and access, groundwater processes, karst groundwater systems, wellhead protection, water well studies, emerging contaminants, aquifer studies, groundwater/surface water interactions, issues related to energy extraction, and education and outreach.

DEP State Water Plan Update: Jon Eaton

Jon presented the DEP State Water Plan update. Need two volunteers to assist with the planning. Looking for recommendations for appointments and the recommendations would be sent to Mark Matlock at DEP.

Joanne Tosti-Vasey nominates Jim Lanning as a recommendation as the public water supply representative to the Upper Middle Susquehanna River Basin Commission, second by Bob Igo.

Passed unanimously

Bob Igo nominates Joanne Tosti-Vasey as a recommendation to the local government official representative to the Upper Middle Susquehanna River Basin Commission, second by Doug Mason.

Passed unanimously

FINANCIALS

Presented by Bill Sharp

October 2021

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

Note: Credit is for 2022 membership contributions from Ferguson and Walker Townships

November 2021

	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
PROJECT FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,015.63
GENERAL FUND	\$2,050.00	\$2,228.60	\$28,093.24

December 2021

	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
PROJECT FUND	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$2,015.63
GENERAL FUND	\$0.00	\$2,228.60	\$28,093.24

ONCE AROUND THE WATERSHED

Bellefonte Borough - no report

Benner Township - Jim Lanning mentioned the Art & Chocolate fundraiser

College Township - Bill Sharp mentioned that the township is working with Millbrook March on another education building and the park to be bicycle and walking friendly.

Ferguson Township - no report

Halfmoon Township - no report

Milesburg Township - no report

Patton Township - no report

Spring Township - no report

Harris Township - Bob Igo mentioned that they are working on yearly planning

State College Borough - no report

Walker Township - no report

REMAINING MEETINGS FOR 2022

March 16, 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 Jim Lanning.
Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm on Wednesday, January 19, 2022.

The January 19, 2022 SCWC meeting will air on C-NET channel 7 at the following times.
The coverage is sponsored by Ferguson Township.

Saturday, January 22 - Noon

Monday, January 24 - 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 25 - 12:00 a.m. (midnight Monday night)

Wednesday, January 26 - 10:00 p.m.

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