

**Spring Creek Watershed Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting: Zoom and in-person at
State College Borough Office
— DRAFT MINUTES —**

CALL TO ORDER

Dustin Best called the meeting to order at 7:00pm on Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

VOTING MEMBERS:

Dustin Best - Chair (in person) 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
Jasmine Fields (in person) - State College Borough
Bob Igo (in person) - Harris Township
Bob Carline (in person) - Atlas

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Izen Lingenfelter (in person) - Communication Coordinator SCWC
Lee Murphy (in person)
Deb Nardone (zoom)
John Zaktansky (zoom) - Educational Presenter
Andrea Murrell (zoom) - Clearwater Conservancy
Elyse Johnson (zoom)
Bob Vierck (zoom)

Records reflect that we do not have quorum to host any action items.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No comments at this time

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the July 2023 meeting minutes has been tabled due to a lack of quorum.

NEW AGENDA ITEMS

No additional agenda items at this time.

EDUCATIONAL TOPIC

Introduction by Jasmine Fields, Education Committee
Presenter: John Zaktansky, Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper
Topic: Susquehanna River

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

A) Executive Committee: Dustin Best: Chair
Met twice since the regular SCWC meeting. Met August 23rd and September 15th.
Discussed budget processes for 2023 - 2024. SCWC now has PO box 274,
Lemont, PA 16851.

B) Officer reports:

Vice Chair: Randy Brachbill

Attend an Executive meeting on August 23rd. Coordinating Commenting on September 7th. Executive meeting on September 15th. Will be attending an Authorities meeting on September 21st. Executive meeting on September 25th.

Secretary: Jim Lanning

Participated in a series of funding meetings.

Treasurer: Kevin Abbey

Reviewed the annual budget process. Met with 10 of the 12 municipalities to review the budget and answer questions.

C) Standing Committee Reports

Atlas: Bob Carline

We obtained two bids to print 1,000 copies of the Atlas website brochure. Low bid was submitted by Blue Moon Media and Marketing (\$290). We are still seeking bids to produce an interactive map for the website. Earlier this month several committee members met with Dr. Richard Parizek to develop a list of questions that we would pose to Dr. Parizek during the filming of a C-Net educational program on water resources. Tentatively, filming will be done in early November. Our next committee meeting is tomorrow, September 21, at 1 PM via Zoom.

Phase 3 Coordinating Committee: Bob Igo

Authority Committing meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 21st in Bellefonte. Will be reviewing mapping with HRG. Will also be reviewing objectives for 2024 and meeting schedule.

Governance Committee meeting scheduled for October. Will be discussing MS4 and mapping and structure.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed

NEW BUSINESS

A) Milesburg Borough membership status and intent:

Presenters: Executive committee - Discussion only.

Dustin reviewed an update that Milesburg Borough is looking to no longer be a part of SCWC due to lack of participation from their end. Working to move forward on that transition with Milesburg.

B) Atlas Committee Brochure publication funding request

Presenter: Bob Carline - Discussed during the Atlas report

FINANCIALS

Presented by Kevin Abbey - Treasurer

Nothing additional to report at this time

APPROVAL OF BILLS

No bills for approval at this time.

ONCE AROUND THE WATERSHED

College Township - Nothing to report at this time

Bellefonte Borough - Nothing to report at this time

Benner Township Alt - Jim discussed that Benner is working to get another well.

Ferguson Township Alt - Kevin discussed the Bathtub Tour at Millbrook Marsh on November 2nd at 11am.

State College Borough - Nothing to report at this time

Harris Township - Nothing to report at this time

MATTERS OF RECORD

The Commission is hosting a “Bathtub Tour” at Millbrook Marsh with guest speaker Dick Parizek on Thursday, November 2, 2023 11A-1P. Lead SCWC coordinator is Kevin Abbey.

Remaining meetings for 2023:

November 15, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 8:12pm on Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

The Spring Creek Watershed Commission Meeting (September 20, 2023) is being sponsored for C-NET by Patton Township and will air on CGTV:

Sunday, October 8 - 4:00 p.m.

Monday, October 9 - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 10 - 6:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 11 - 1:00 a.m.

As always, it will also be available to watch online within 72 hours at www.cnet1.org.