

Spring Creek Watershed Commission

January 15, 2020

Bellefonte Council Chambers

236 West Lamb Street

7:00 PM

1) Call to Order: 7:00 PM

2) Members Present:

Chris Hurley (Patton Township), Paul Takac (College Township), Bill MacMath, Joanne Tosti-Vasey (Bellefonte Borough), Tim Robinson (Benner Township), Prasenjit Mitra (Ferguson Township)

3) Reorganization – Vote on who will be Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary

Chair: Joanne Tosti-Vasey, Bellefonte

Vice-chair: Paul Takac, College

Treasurer: Prasenjit Mitra, Ferguson

Secretary: Chris Hurley, Patton

4) Approval of minutes, Approve November minutes (See attached)

Correction: Bill MacMath's vote was listed as both "yay" and "nay", actually "nay".

Chris Hurley: motion with correction amendment

Second: Tim Robinson

5) Citizen Comments: The public is invited to address the Commission on items not on the agenda. (5 minutes per commentary). Electronic copy of comments should be submitted to SCWC & will be added to meeting minutes.

Kevin Mullen: property owner in Patton and Ferguson township

- Came to discuss issue with how the UAJA does not bill based on actual usage. Has multiple properties and they are all billed in different ways. Website with more information is statecollegereport.com. Joanne Tosti-Vasey reminded that the Commission does not have any regulatory power, only can advise.

5) Educational Topic:

- *suggestions for future topics*
- Chris Hurley: Gave an update on the educational program committee's progress since last year.
 - Beginning of last year: he was putting together educational topics. Peter Buckland, Jasmine Fields, Chris Hurley volunteered to assist and identify educational speakers.

- Met on 3 occasions and looked at one water plan themes and pulled out ideas.
- Tourism recreation, infrastructure, overall watershed conditions and considerations, and agriculture / other impacts to watershed.
- Terry Melton will help Chris come up with speakers. Committee formed to coordinate educational speakers
 - Will report back next meeting on progress.

6) Old Business:

a. Status - "One Water Report" Update and viewing of promotion video for municipalities? Cory & Jason: Status of formatting "One Water Report"

- Cory Miller: Things fell behind and he is scheduling date with Cindy. The presentation itself is complete and Cory and Jason will work to present a draft presentation to the technical workgroup committee.
 - They will have something to review by next Commission meeting.
 - Chris Hurley asked what the next steps are after that. The plan is to then record the video and send to municipalities. Someone will go with to answer questions after the video in addition to the municipality's representative on the Commission.
 - Cindy Hahn (CNET) stated that the recording of the video should be done once everything is approved. It is difficult to make edits to the video.
 - It also should be recorded in the State College Borough Chambers as the infrastructure there is best for quality.
 - Bill Sharp asked what the cost associated with this is. Cindy stated that this will work similarly to a meeting sponsorship.
- Status of One Water Resolution
 - Discussion occurred about which of the two drafts presented to the Commission (attached as meeting materials) was preferred.
 - The resolution written by the technical workgroup and edited by Joanne Tosti-Vasey was approved with no opposers.

b. Atlas Project – Photo Contest and date of next meeting, Bob Carline

- Atlas Project is proceeding with photo contest. Announcement will go out soon.
- Next meeting: January 24

7) New Business:

-memo from DEP requesting membership on State Water Plan Update.

-- **January 23:** [Upper/Middle Susquehanna Water Resources Regional Committee](#), Ferguson Township Building, 3147 Research Drive, State College. 1:00.

- Does SCWC want to make a recommendation and send that along with a resume to DEP?
 - Commission agreed that it was important to submit representation to this committee, especially with the One Water Plan.
 - Chris Hurley motioned for Prasenjit Mitra to represent the commission, Paul Takac seconded.
 - Caitlin Teti will reach out to organization and submit Prasenjit's information for review.

- Meeting Schedule for 2020 – Monthly or every other month?
 - Cindy Hahn (C-net) stated that the Commission currently has enough sponsorships to last through 2020 if the Commission meets every other month.
 - The decision was made to meet every other month in 2020 (March, May, July, September, November). Bill MacMath motioned, Tim Seconded. All Approved.
 - Joanne will work with Cindy to get sponsorships for 2021 meetings and the One Water Plan video.

10) Financial Report: November 2019, December 2019

(LAST REPORT) October –

General Fund: Debit: None Credit None	\$19,852.03
Project Fund: Debit: \$2275.63 Credit: \$443.00	

November-

General Fund: Debit: 730 Credit 0	\$19,122.03
Project Fund: Debit: 85 Credit: \$0	
\$2190.63	

December – General Fund: Debit: \$473.80 Credit: \$00.00 Balance: \$18,648.95
Project Fund: Debit: \$40.00 Credit: \$00.00 Balance: \$2150.63

11) Once Around the Watershed: Members are asked to share relevant water related news from their municipality.

Clover Highlands: approved by planning commission. Adjacent to spring creek park. Last developable piece in clover highlands. Voting tomorrow. Does not appear to be any impact.

Ferguson: Stormwater fee. Add that fee. Citizens have to pay based on square foot they have paid. Annual fee.

Bellefonte: Waterfront development property. Tom Songer is building a hotel, garage, and a retail / apartment condos. Increase impervious surfaces from 75% to 90%. Putting in pervious pavers. Putting in a very large containment tank

system so the water doesn't rush into spring creek. requirements: sensitive to historic area and maximizes environmental sustainability.

Clearwater Conservancy: Art and Chocolate fundraiser January 31st. see website for more information.

Chris Hurley adjourned. Paul Takac seconded.

Meetings for 2020: March 18, May 20, July 15, September 16, November 18