

**Spring Creek Watershed Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
March 17, 2021 held via Zoom**

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

VOTING MEMBERS:

Joanne Tosti-Vasey - Bellefonte Borough (Chair)  
Paul Takac - College Township (Vice Chair)  
Jim Lanning - Benner Township (Secretary)  
Bill Sharp - College Township (Treasurer)  
George Harrigan - Harris Township  
Douglas Mason - Patton Township

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Izen Lingenfelter - Communication Coordinator  
Prasenjit Mitra - Ferguson Township  
Bernard Hoffnar - State College Borough  
Michael Danneker - Spring Township  
Brian Heiser - State College Water Authority  
Corey Rilk - Centre Region Planning Agency  
Ford Stryker - Ferguson Township (Trout Unlimited)  
David Swisher - Penn State Office  
Jasmine Fields - State College Borough  
Dr. Richard Parizek - Guest speaker

CALL TO ORDER

Joanne Tosti-Vasey called the meeting to order at 7:03pm on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 via Zoom.

INTRODUCTION

Introduction of the SCWC Coordinator and Website Manager, Izen Lingenfelter.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Introduced members listed above

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept January 2021 minutes by Michael Danneker, Second by Prasenjit Mitra  
Passed unanimously

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No comments at this time

EDUCATIONAL TOPIC

Dr. Richard Parizek presented "The Living Filter Project"

## OLD BUSINESS

**One Water Report** - Paul Takac reviewed the proposed Municipal Powerpoint Presentation and did a brief overview of One Water Plan. First step is to get a majority of the municipalities to agree to move forward with the plan. Need at least 7 of the 12 municipalities to move forward. Second step is to create a working group to move the process forward.

Discussion - Prasenjit Mitra suggested putting stories and benefits into the presentation but overall did a great job.

Paul Takac makes a motion to approve that we move forward with presenting the presentation to member municipalities. Jim Lanning seconds this motion.

Passed unanimously

Resolution for Presentation - Paul makes a motion to undertake drafting a template resolution for use by member municipalities in endorsing phase 3, second by Jasmine Fields.

Discussion - Joanne mentioned there was a previously passed resolution from the December 2019 or January 2020 meeting that we may be able to use. Reviewed the resolution and decided that we could use this resolution with slight updates.

Paul makes a motion to amend January 2020 resolution and update it to correspond with new action plan incentives for endorsing Phase 3. Second by Prasenjit Mitra.

Passed unanimously

Main Motion Passed unanimously

Discussion on who all to contact for this presentation. Joann suggested setting up an executive committee meeting to establish who to contact and who will assist with the presentation.

Financial Planning Committee - Propose is to brainstorm sourcing of funding. Committee will be Paul Takac, Joanne Tosti-Vasey, David Roberts, Jasmine Fields, and Bill Sharp. Bill Sharp suggested that we recognize all the people that helped make phase 2 possible.

**Caitlin Teti Master's Project Plan** - No report

**Atlas Project** - Meeting Friday 19, 2021 at 1:00 pm

**Education Committee** - All topics are set for 2021

**Groundwater Symposium Reminder** - The Symposium is sponsored by Penn State Extension, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, and numerous other sponsors in celebration of National Drinking Water Week! The event 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. Request to support Commission members to attend on May 5 at a cost of \$50/Commission member.

Bill Sharp makes a motion that the Spring Creek Watershed Commission covers the \$50 registration fee for the 2021 Groundwater Symposium for regular members and alternate members, Jimming Lanning seconds  
 Passed unanimously

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2020 Financial Invoices** - Invoices were sent out and the financial report will reflect.

**SCWC Facebook Page** - Izen Lingenfelter suggested establishing a SCWC Facebook page to be used as a resource for updates and project news. Discussions were made on the benefits and it was agreed to move forward with this.

**Microplastic Pollution in the Spring Creek Watershed** ([Click here to view report](#))

Brief discussion on the article. Jasmine is planning to give an educational presentation to their council in April. Bill Sharp that we could do more education on this topic and look at the long range 50 year plan and how it affects the environment and economy. Jasmine is going to take the lead on this and come up with a better plan for education for the May meeting.

**FINANCIALS**

Presented by Bill Sharp

**December 2020**

	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
Project Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.63
General Fund	\$231.19	\$2741.00	\$17,914.95

Credit – Memberships for 2021 from College, Harris, Milesburg, Spring, and Walker Townships

Debit – Atlas Wix website fee (check was backdated to 12-31-2020)

**January 2021**

	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
Project Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.63
General Fund	\$0.00	\$232.13	\$18,147.08

Credit – voided check from June 2020

**February 2021**

	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
Project Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.63
General Fund	\$0.00	\$7,962.00	\$26,109.08

Credit – Memberships for 2020 or 2021 from Milesburg (2020) and State College Boroughs plus Benner, Patton, and Walker Townships, plus College Township Water Authority (2020).

George Harrigan had a question about Harris Township payment  
Joanne suggested that we should send out invoices earlier and suggested an August /  
September timeframe.

#### ONCE AROUND THE WATERSHED

Bellefonte Borough - project with agriculture to deal with fishing/ kayak at Talleyrand  
Park Dam. They may be removing the dam and placing a trout step or notching of the  
dam or side stepping pool for fish. Dam was there for 160 years and the Fish and Boat  
commission wants it gone while the town does not.

College Township - In process land development plan for old mobile home park. Will be  
new student housing. Next to the area are water preserve areas. Riparian buffer might  
go in. A 4.5 acre area may be seeded near Slab Cabin Run.

Ferguson Township - Passed stormwater fee and pollution remediation projects. Also  
limitations on chemicals used to wash cars and such to help stormwater pollution.

State College - Redesigning foot bridge and Walnut Creek Park. MS4. Hosting  
watershed cleanup day April 24th 8am to 4pm

Benner Township - Redoing planning documents

Center Region Planning Authority - Working on risk assessment on area water use and  
portable water.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Prasenjit Mitra made a motion to adjourn, second by Paul Takac.

Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm on March 17, 2021

#### Remaining Meetings for 2021:

May 19, 2021

July 21, 2021

September 15, 2021

November 17, 2021

The March 17, 2021 Spring Creek Watershed Commission Meeting is being sponsored for  
airing on C-NET by Patton Township. It will air on CGTV (Channel 7) at the following times:

Wednesday, March 24 - 9:00 p.m.

Friday, March 26 - 2:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 27 - 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 28 - 4:00 p.m.

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