

**Spring Creek Watershed Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM  
Hybrid Meeting: Zoom and in-person at  
Bellefonte Armory - Large Meeting Room  
— DRAFT MINUTES —**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Randy Brachbill called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm on Wednesday, March 20, 2024

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**VOTING MEMBERS:**

Randy Brachbill - Chair (in person) - Bellefonte Borough  
Lisa Strickland (zoom) - Ferguson Township  
Dustin Best (zoom) - College Township  
Susan Chyczewski (in person) - Patton Township  
Art Gover (zoom) - Potter Township

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Izen Lingenfelter (zoom) - Communication Coordinator SCWC  
Elyse Johnson (in person) - AmeriCorps  
Kevin Abbey - Treasurer (in person) - Ferguson Township Alt  
Lee Murphy - Secretary (in person) - College Township Alt  
Doug Mason (zoom) - Patton Township Alt  
Jim Lanning (in person)  
Jon Eaton (in person) - Atlas  
Andrew Benchdel (in person)  
Ivie Foster (zoom) - Educational Presenter  
Tejal Sudhir Shirsat (zoom)  
Shari Edelson (zoom)  
Mercy Chepkemoy Chepkwomy (zoom)  
Maya Weinberg (zoom)  
Mara Hartzell (zoom)  
Jennifer Dombroskie (zoom) - Clearwater Conservancy  
Gastor (zoom)  
Erica Smithwick (zoom)  
Bob Carline (zoom)

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Dustin Best made the announcement that he will be stepping down as Vice-Chair.

**NEW AGENDA ITEMS**

No additional agenda items at this time.

**EDUCATIONAL TOPIC**

Introduction by Doug Mason, Education Committee

Presenter: Ivie Foster

Topic: Abandoned Mine Drainage in the Beech Creek Watershed

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the January 2024 meeting minutes has been tabled due to a lack of quorum.

## REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

- A. Financial Report – Kevin Abbey – Treasurer
- B. Approval of Bills – Kevin Abbey – Treasurer
- C. Coordinating Committees Update – Randy
- D. AmeriCorps Update – Elyse Johnson: Spoke about Watershed Clean Up Day on April 20th. Working on 'State of the Watershed' with Kevin
- E. ATLAS Update – Jon Eaton – Interim Chair:

## OLD BUSINESS

- A. March 28, 2024, 9:30 to Noon – “State of the Watershed” Information – Kevin Abbey / Elyse Johnson. Kevin gave an update on the event, the schedule for the event, list of speakers that will be on site for the 'State of the Watershed', and will be awarding the Mentor Awards.
- B. Jon Eaton – Named as Interim ATLAS Chair
- C. Website Updates: working on a community calendar and on some minor adjustments and document updates.

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. Suggested By-Law Change - Replace At-Large Member position with 2nd Vice-Chair position. The intention is the 2nd Vice-Chair will Chair the Educational Committee and serve as an interface with the ATLAS Committee. Discussion took place but motion to approve was tabled due to lack of quorum.
- B. 28th Annual Watershed Clean Up Day will be held on April 20, 2024.
- C. Looking into adding a second Clean Up Day in the Watershed during August or September 2024

## AROUND THE WATERSHED:

None at this time.

## MATTERS OF RECORD

- A. Next SCWC Meeting will be May 15, 2024 – Bellefonte Borough, 301 North Spring Street From 7pm to 8:30pm
- B. SCWC Executive Meeting will be held March 21, 2024, to discuss final needs for the State of the Watershed presentation.
- C. Next SCWC Executive Meeting will be held on April 17, 2024 – 12pm to 1pm.

## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm

The March 20, 2024 Spring Creek Watershed Commission Meeting is being sponsored for airing on C-NET by Harris Township and it will air on Comcast Channel 7 at the following times:

Wednesday, April 3 at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 4 at 5:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 6 at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 7 at 8:00 p.m.

As always, it will also be available to watch online within 72 hours at [www.cnet1.org](http://www.cnet1.org).