

Lancaster County Clean Water Consortium

Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday August 17, 2011 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Farm & Home Center Conference Room,

Present: Steering Committee Voting Members: Jay Snyder, Dennis Groff, John Bingham, DeeDee McGuire, Mark Gutshall via phone, Marylou Barton Nonvoting steering Committee members present: Don Robinson, Matt Kofroth. Dave Wauls was also present. Trudy Johnston, Jeanne Sonntag, Mary Gattis and Kathleen Schreiber were excused.

Jeanne Sonntag's sister died Sunday which the committee was very sad to hear about.

Next Steering Committee Meetings: Sept. 7 and 21, 3-5 PM, Farm and Home Center.

John Bingham, chairman, presided.

The steering committee contact list prepared by Trudy Johnston was passed around by John Bingham for corrections and additions.

Phase 2 WIP: There was a brief discussion about the DEP Phase 2 WIP meeting. John read from the letter distributed by DEP. No further action was designated.

Brecknock Township: John attended a Brecknock Township supervisors meeting in July on behalf of the Consortium. Don McNutt has or will be attending a supervisors meeting in regards to conservation plans. Garth Wise, chairman of the supervisors, has also expressed an interest in meeting with Karen Martynick, Farmland Preservation Trust, and Marylou is arranging for a meeting.

Hourglass Foundation: The issue of whether or not the Consortium should send comments to the Hourglass Foundation's Chesapeake Bay report was raised. Some people believed we should respond and at the same time keep the Foundation abreast of what the Consortium is doing. Other people thought we should not respond. No further action designated.

Barnstormers: DeeDee McGuire was asked to contact the Barnstormers about a fund raising event for the Consortium. She reported on the mechanics of such a fundraiser entailed, including the fact that 50 tickets had to be sold by the Consortium in order to participate. It was generally felt that this was lots of work with a small result. It was agreed to revisit early next spring and perhaps collaborate with other non-profits in a Chesapeake Bay or Watershed Night.

New Holland Sales Stables Digester: John reported that he would send Marylou the digester letter with Jay's corrections so Marylou could prepare the letter for John's signature. Marylou received a call Monday from the Lancaster Farming newspaper reporter who attend the June meeting about the Consortium's position on the digester.

www.lccwc.org: Liz Knerr is preparing a proposal for website services. She has donated her time to this point but will begin to charge.

Mission/Vision, Strategic Objectives and Core Values: DeeDee McGuire made a motion that the Consortium's Mission/Vision, Core Values and Strategic Objectives be accepted as presented in the packet prepared by Dave Wauls. Dennis Groff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Summit: Mark Gutshall made a motion for the Consortium to accept the Summit Action Plan as presented and to bring in Dennis Auker as an impartial facilitator recognizing no funds are available at this time. Any agreement with Dennis Auker would be contingent upon receiving funds. John Bingham seconded the motion. A discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Stormwater seminars: Matt Kofroth asked that Paula Harnish be notified when the flyers for the 9/20 seminar go out so she can be prepared for the registrations. Matt was informed that the flyers will go out at the end of this week.

Education Committee: Dennis Groff will be the Education Committee chair. The stormwater committee will be merged with the Education Committee. Three stormwater seminars for 2011 are planned. The dates are 9/20, 10/18 and 11/8. All will be held at the Farm and Home Center with the breakfast format with the seminar to follow. The charge will be \$35. There is a conference call planned for 8/18 with Penn State extension and Villanova University to finalize the 10/18

seminar. Penn State Extension and Villanova are cosponsoring the seminar with the Consortium. There is a conference call 8/19 with Joann Throwe, Director of the Environmental Finance Center, University of Maryland, to finalize the seminar for Nov. 8. Dennis, Marylou, Cory Rathman and Scott Hain, stormwater committee chairs, will meet in the near future. Dennis raised the issue of getting water quality information to all municipalities. John said he and Kent Gardner are going to the LCATS (Lancaster County Association of Township Supervisors) dinner Aug.30. John and Kent will discuss the Consortium and its goals, especially educating all municipalities about what watershed they are in, where their impaired streams are and the latest in the stormwater TMDL. DeeDee suggested John and Kent take the Consortium's brochure to hand out, talk briefly about the fines that have been recently levied for MS4 violations, and promote the upcoming stormwater seminars. Marylou will be sure 100 brochures are available. The Education Committee is meeting on Sept. 7, 2-3, prior to the steering committee meeting in the same room.

Steering Committee members: Mark Gutshall reported that he contacted Mark Johnson who is willing to serve as a voting steering committee member as well as a Conservation Foundation Board member. Jay Snyder moved that Mark follow up with Mark Johnson and DeeDee seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Marylou contacted Scott Hain and Cory Rathman, chairs of the Consortium stormwater committee about becoming a voting member. They agreed to do it, if they could share a voting member seat in the name of the stormwater committee. Don Robinson will check with the Conservation Foundation to see if the seat can be shared. Don will also clarify if there is a limit on voting and non-voting steering committee members he is allowed to appoint.

Membership: Dennis Groff inquired about the adjustment to the membership fees to encourage more municipalities to join the Consortium. John will discuss with Trudy and ask Trudy to report back to the steering committee with a new membership fee schedule on Sept. 21.

Grants: Marylou reported that there are two grants listed on www.lancasterwatersheds.org at this time. She passed out the page from the website which lists grants. She also reported that she spoke to Suzanne Trevana, EPA, and Steve Lathrop, DEP, about the Clean Water Act section 319 watershed allocations. Both Suzanne and Steve reported that no more 319 watershed implementation plans will be written using 319 money. Both DEP and EPA agree that the \$5 million allocated to Pennsylvania should be used to implement the 319s already on the ground. There are 23 Section 319 WIPS in Pa.'s Chesapeake Bay watershed. There are 34 statewide. Funds for projects were due two weeks ago. There are 3 section 319 WIPS in Lancaster County - Mill Creek requested \$192,000, Conowingo requested \$369,000 and the Conewago requested \$72,600.

Marylou suggested approaching the Bay TMDL by taking the section 319s on the ground in the county and subtracting what TMDL reductions they would amount to if complete. That total may give the county a place to start when combating the Bay TMDL. If the 319 money and CREP money could be used to complete projects in the 3 section 319 WIPs in order to get the impaired streams in those three watershed delisted, federal money would then become available to have the use of federal monies to get more WIPS in the remaining watershed. **Delisting is what EPA and DEP want to see.** Since grants are sparse, Marylou suggested asking corporations to sponsor segments of streams just like people adopt a section of a highway. She also reported it looks like the NFWF grant the Consortium, Lancaster County Conservancy and others applied for together may be awarded. Numerous conference calls have been held to get the request down to \$400,000 from the original \$950,000 request. She also reported that we still have a grant request on the table from Bill Roger and Jeff Ainsel to do barnyard BMPs. The amount they are looking for is between \$250,000 and \$1 million.

Dave Wauls, LMA Consulting Group: Dave was in attendance and passed out an agenda, the mission/vision statement, core values and strategic objectives that came out of the strategic planning sessions the steering committee held with Dave several weeks ago. Dave stressed that "once the committees start to function, the details can be discussed by the committees and then recommendations brought to the steering committee. This will shorten meetings and make them more productive."

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10.