

**Location:** Farm & Home Center

**Voting Members Present:** Kent Gardner, Cory Rathman, Joellyn Warren, Jay Snyder, Mark Johnson, Mark Gutshall, John Bingham

**Non-Voting Steering Committee Members Present:** Kristen Kyler, Kent Bitting; Mark Huber, Chris Thompson

**Guests/non-SC Members:** Kelly Gutshall- LandStudies; Linda Ferich – East Hempfield Township citizen/Master Naturalist

**Approval of Minutes-** A motion was made to approve December and February's minutes by Joellyn. Cory seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes recorded by:** Angie Sowers

### ***AGENDA ITEMS***

#### **Budget Committee- Jay Snyder**

1. Balance is approximately \$26,000

#### **Little Conestoga River Watershed Action Plan- Kelly Gutshall**

- HANDOUTS- Kelly provided handouts of BMP reference sheet and mapping
- Watershed Alliance inventoried existing BMPs – mapped and identified
- Previous study completed in 2007
- Identified 158 BMPs thus far
- Goal is to quantify load reductions and compare it with TMDL goals
- Focus Areas are areas with concentrated projects that provide the expectation that following implementation the system will be changed and we would see benefits and water quality improvements
- Watershed Alliance selected 5 projects that will have detailed plans and cost estimates developed
- Once Plan is approved by Watershed Alliance, LCCWC will post on website
- Joellyn identified that this is a great model that can be showcased as a member benefit to enable smart planning. We should put some thought into how to package the protocol for others.
  - Kent stated that he thinks this would be a great workshop for LCATS to get more municipalities on board with this planning and the LCCWC
- A next step would be to put costs with all the projects and use the TetraTech data to select BMPs for the identified problems that would be the most cost-effective
- Group discussed how to educate the public about the Plan's findings and delivering the message of this type of analysis- the technical and the economics
  - Kelly suggested a template/outline of the steps that have to be undertaken, as well as a write-up of the benefits
  - Joellyn would like to convene a small workgroup to pull together a template- Mark G said that LandStudies could start getting the information together
    - Jay added that the baseline studies need to be done so that you understand the problem/sources correctly
    - May be appropriate to spend a little funding on communicating this work
    - ACTION ITEM- Mark G. will pull together some information to start this effort
    - John B. identified that he expects municipalities will look favorably on LCCWC taking lead on developing these plans rather than having a County lead

### **2015 Goals/Objectives – Kent Gardner/Mark Johnson**

- Joellyn/Kent/Mark J suggested the following
  1. Outreach and education (workshops)
    - a. Good Housekeeping (basics of MS4 compliance)
    - b. Watershed/Mapshed/Tetra Tech
  2. Fundraising
    - a. Grants/events
    - b. Membership recruitment and benefits
  3. Water Quality / compliance
    - a. MS4 compliance
    - b. Mapshed analysis (watershed)
- Joellyn requested that we organize our meetings by these topics and that we divide the effort amongst the group. It was suggested that a lead be identified for each focus area.
  - Kent- will lead Fundraising with his efforts on golf outing; Mark J offered that he could help with an email blitz to potential members
- Cory suggested we may also have some sort of focus on membership. Joellyn identified that it is captured under fundraising. There should also be benefits that serve a broader community- corporations, private citizens, and municipalities.
- Mark J suggested that we should have periodic (quarterly) email updates to members
- There was a discussion of voting membership- by-laws state that half of voting members need to be board members. It was suggested that we request some lee-way on this from Foundation.
- ACTION ITEM- Joellyn and Heather will work on a factsheet that discusses who we are and value.

### **PADEP Meeting**

- At last Friday's meeting it was decided that there would be quarterly meetings between PADEP and LCCWC
- Plans are also in works for PADEP reps to visit county to tour Streamside Grant projects

### **LIMC/WorldView Update- Kent Gardner**

- Costs are higher than expected to complete work, looking at other alternatives
- Will be discussed at next LIMC meeting
- WorldView only wants to provide a computer program on disk with no training/support
- PA Magic- state-wide GIS consortium- getting involved to discuss universal data collection with county

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Golf outing- Kent has a meeting with Conestoga Country Club to get the planning started
- ACTION ITEM- Angie review attendance for voting members that have missed 3 consecutive meetings. Kent will then contact those members to see if they are still interested and get feedback.

### **Meeting adjourned 5:00**

### **HANDOUTS**

1. Kelly Gutshall provided handouts of BMP reference sheet and mapping from Little Conestoga Watershed Action Plan

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Mark G. will pull together some information to provide a start to developing communication materials on the procedure taken to develop the Action Plan as well as the benefits.

2. Joellyn and Heather will work on a factsheet that discusses who we are and the value the group can provide.
3. Angie review attendance for voting members that have missed 3 consecutive meetings. Kent will then contact those members to see if they are still interested and get feedback.

**Future Agenda Items**

None discussed