

Location: Farm & Home Center

Voting Members Present: Mark Johnson, Joellyn Warren, Kent Gardner, Mike LaSala, John Bingham, Jay Snyder, Heather Valudes

Non-Voting Steering Committee Members Present: Kent Bitting, Matt Kofroth, Mike Kyle, Kristen Kyler, Ruth Anne Hocker

Guests/non-SC Members: Andy Zemba, Hillary Yarger

Approval of Minutes- A motion was made to approve June minutes by Jay Snyder. Mark Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes recorded by: Kent Bitting

AGENDA ITEMS

Budget Committee- Jay Snyder

- Renewal and New Membership letters have been sent.

Outreach and Education

- Trainings and Workshops
 - Update/Engineer's Training – Mark Johnson
 - Planning a Riparian Buffer Requirement Training for September. Topics will include design and maintenance for buffers and other BMPs.
 - Andy Zemba suggested the Consortium talk to Mike Hickman and Lee Murphy at DEP
 - Look to include Zoning officer and township managers
 - John Bingham suggested adding the training to the Capital RC&D calendar
 - Right of Way maintenance workshop by Penn State Ag and Environment Center – Kristen Kyler
 - August 28th training for pesticide applicators to include invasive species maintenance, native plant education and pesticides and their water effects.
 - Kristen to look into giving Consortium members a discount
 - Consortium will assist in promotion
 - LCPC speakers series – Mark Huber
 - Mini-audits/DEP Training – Joellyn
 - Mike LaSala and Kara Kalupson completed 2 trainings sponsored through LCATS
 - Consortium could provide training county-wide
- Newsletter/Blog/Website – Kristen/Joellyn
 - A meeting will be scheduled within the next two weeks

Fundraising- Kent Gardner

- Membership Update – Joellyn – provided with budget update
- Golf – Kent G
 - Raised \$2615 to date. This includes 2 hole sponsors, 6-foursome paid and 3 cash donations

- Four (4) holes will have engineers to explain BMPs
- There will be door prizes
- Signs – Heather
 - Heather presented the revised design
 - Mark Johnson made a motion to purchase the sign at a cost not to exceed \$400. Jay Snyder seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Kent Gardner had a banner sign made for the Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance's Watershed Expo. Kent provided the sign to the Consortium as a donation.

Water Quality/Compliance

- Little Conestoga NFWF Update – Matt Kofroth
 - Grant ends on July 31st.
 - 15 projects remain to be completed and there are insufficient funds
 - Discussed the possibility of utilizing the remaining \$3000 from the Lancaster County Streamside Practices Grant. Andy Zemba will look into this possibility. If allowable, project could be approved after the awarded projects are complete.
- Growing Greener Grant – Joellyn
 - Looking into the possibility of submitting a grant to prepare Watershed Planning Protocols.
 - Mike LaSala discussed the project with Jineen Boyle, DEP and is awaiting a response.
 - Grant applications are due 7/10.
- Environmental Fund- Rain barrel program – Joellyn
 - Grant has been submitted to the Community Foundation of Lancaster to create a rain barrel program and will hear on 7/17
 - Education and outreach provided for members
 - A 90-day follow-up will be conducted with rain barrel users
- Streamside project updates – Kent B
 - Warwick requested an extension. Andy Zemba stated an extension would be granted. Kent Bitting to provide an email request in August as necessary.
 - Kent Bitting met with Kara Kalupson at the West Lampeter sight. Everything is nearly complete. There is approximately 6 inches of water in the facility. The bottom of the basin may need reseeded.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Pequea Creek Water Association received a Williams Pipeline grant for \$290,500. They are looking to use the Foundation as the 501c3 to administer the funds. Approval will be requested at the Foundation's 7/22 meeting

Meeting adjourned 4:17 pm