

Location: Farm & Home Center

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

Non-Voting Steering Committee Members Present: Kristen Kyler, Kent Bitting, Matt Royer

Guests/non-SC Members: none

Approval of Minutes- A motion was made to approve the October minutes by Heather Valudes. Kent Gardner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes recorded by: Angie Sowers

AGENDA ITEMS

Budget Committee- Jay Snyder

- Jay provided budget report via email
- Jay provided balance- \$30k, LIMC membership was received

Outreach and Education

- Trainings and Workshops
 - MS4 DEP/EPA Audit Webinar – Joellyn
 - Nov 18, 34 registered thus far with a capacity for 70
 - Kara K will discuss W. Lampeter DEP audit that is to occur next week
 - Reaching people that we haven't reached before
 - Sandwiches will be provided
 - MS4 Education for Elected Officials – Kristen Kyler
 - Joellyn asked for any other ideas – ACTION ITEM
 - LCPC trainings – Joellyn
 - Turn-out has been good- about 30-40 people; engineering community has participated, but not elected officials
 - Engineer's roundtable - Joellyn for Cory
 - Looking to schedule an open meeting for engineers
 - Riparian Buffer Workshop Wrap Up– Cory/Mark Johnson
 - About 30 participants including 10 non-members
 - One product- language to include in municipal ordinances to require planting of buffer area
 - Green Infrastructure Film Wrap Up – Jenna Mitchell/Joellyn
 - Reached a younger group than previously have
 - About 80 participants
 - Mark G. spoke up for continuing these events periodically; he will approach Jenna
 - Group then discussed the idea of partnering with a local brewery for sponsorship of a beer
- Newsletter – Kristen Kyler

- Kristen said that some people had problems with links- possibly will need to use a different format such as pdf

Fundraising- Kent Gardner

- Membership Update – Heather
 - LIMC received
 - Discussed timing of renewal requests

Water Quality/Compliance

- Streamside project updates – Kent B
 - In a bit of a holding pattern, don't expect any further construction until spring
- Chiques Creek Reenvisioned NFWF grant – Matt Royer
 - Grant received; Handout – Project Narrative and Schedule
 - This is a priority watershed for DEP alternative TMDL approach
 - SRBC involved; 25 monitoring sites have been identified with updated IBI scores
 - Landstudies working on a Watershed Action Plan for Chiques Alliance- Matt would like to incorporate monitoring information into Plan
 - Ag BMP funding has been identified from NRCS for the watershed – Stroud will be involved
 - Also some opportunity to do some flood reduction efforts
 - Many diverse resources have been marked for the watershed
 - For stormwater – discussed that there is an opportunity to pull municipalities in the watershed together to develop a watershed-based stormwater plan – would like to run stormwater team through LCCWC, led by Fritz Shroeder
 - Kristen Kyler is local project coordinator
 - Partnering with Landisville station of Penn State Extension
- SRBC Chiques Watershed – Kent G
 - Monitoring station established at the Leiderkranz
- Watershed Action Plans/DEP meeting – Joellyn
 - Request made (by Joellyn, Jay, and Chris T.) to DEP for letter and funding so that if LCCWC approaches a municipality for them to participate with LCCWC in watershed planning, the municipality will receive credit towards their MS4 permit from DEP
 - Other counties – York and Lycoming – are coming at this from a different approach than Lancaster
 - It needs to be made clear that if a municipality puts their money in another municipality within the watershed toward achieving the watershed plan, they will get credit
 - If we can get the letter – possibly undertake a pilot project in the Little Conestoga or elsewhere
 - The goal is for LCCWC to be the hub for watershed planning – provide this benefit to our members and be able to defend the municipalities/watersheds before DEP and EPA
- Crossings and stormwater concerns – Kent G
 - No report from Kent

- Joellyn did get confirmation that Manheim Township still will need to go through stormwater planning during land development

NEW BUSINESS

- Kent suggested that LCCWC apply for a Governor's Award for some of the mapping, etc. – He will send the information to Angie and Joellyn
- Heather announced that next week is Ag week – events will be listed in the paper this weekend including speakers and tours --- lancastercountyagweek.com
- Joellyn mentioned the idea of connecting college students that are working with BMPs and Economic Development – LCCWC sponsoring something - possibly do a career night; Heather mentioned that Scott Sheely is also very active in ag workforce development; and STEM initiative through the Steinman Foundation; Kristen highlighted that the municipal piece is typically overlooked on career panels- this may tie into Authorities

Meeting adjourned 4:15 pm

Action Items:

1. Provide Joellyn any ideas for reaching elected officials

November Agenda Items

1. Development of email lists