

COOKS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING  
August 22, 2024

**In Attendance** – Scott, Travis, Jim, Sarah and Lois. David Oleksa was also in attendance. We had a retirement party for Scott. Thanks to all for their contributions.  
**HAPPY RETIREMENT SCOTT!**

**Approval of Minutes** –The Board meeting minutes of July 25, 2024 were approved; motion by Travis/Sarah; all in favor, 5-0.

**Mail-** No mail.

**Treasurer’s Report** –  
**Pay Bills** –

**Committee Reports**

**Newsletter – Lois** –The Summer newsletter will need labels and will be out soon. It is 18 pages (the usual is 16 pages) which includes an insert. The Fall 2024 newsletter has a deadline date of November 1.

**Social media – all** –There is a need for more content.

**Membership – Scott** – There were new members garnered from the Festival.

**Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley (WCLV)/Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic (LDW&S)– Lois/Jim**–The LDW&S will meet in September by Zoom. The Watershed Coalition is meeting September 6, also by Zoom.

**Environmental Monitoring – Scott** – Scott/Travis will look at the stream water gauges over the Labor Day weekend.

**Planning/Ordinances – Scott/Lois**- Springfield Township has completed their Comprehensive Plan and passed it. Durham Township Planning Commission will have a public meeting at the Riegelsville Fire House, September 9, for the purpose of reviewing the sketch plan put forward by the Durham Springs property. This plan proposes approximately 50 cabins with a water sewage treatment plant in the Agricultural District. It is at the old Cascade Lodge.

**Education – Scott** – The Mini Monsters at Fry’s Run Park will be September 21, 10-2pm. Scott will be away and Travis will present the critters. Jim, Sarah and Lois will help Travis.

**Old Business** –

**Growing Greener Grant kick off**– This grant will update the “CCW Protection Plan”, and involves a study by Princeton Hydro. The grant is \$52,575. Hours will need to be matched by volunteers doing work for this grant. The Cooks Creek will be walked and observed by the Durham EAC and Springfield EAC. Lower Saucon did a study a few years ago which will be used. A list of riparian corridor areas, erosion, invasive species and finally the identifying of areas as candidates for restoration are the scope of the project. The walk will commence in the fall and training will be given to those doing the surveys. We are waiting for Princeton Hydro to contact us, moving forward.

**New Business –**

**“Herb Walk” with David Winston – Saturday, September 28, 10-noon** - at Judy Siegfried’s preserved place. The program cost is \$300. Motion to pay David Winston for the presentation, Sarah/Scott; all in favor, 5-0. A RSVP is required as there is a limit of 30 participants. Sarah and Lois are working with David Winston.

**Fall Dinner –October 5, Saturday - Springtown Rod and Gun Club** - Times: 4-5pm set up and board members bring appetizers, 5-6pm meet and greet over the appetizers, 6-7pm dinner, 7pm presentation. A speaker is needed: Lynn Berseth?

**Walk in Penn’s Woods – October 6, Sunday – Location and time to be determined -**

**Durham Day – October 12, 1-4pm.- on the Durham Green** - An activity, for the kids, a “drawing on paper showing activity of the stream”. Scott will get a LARGE paper and mark in a stream and kids can draw in their favorite critter, plant, mini monster, etc. with colored pencils or crayons.

**Adjourn – 9:05pm.**

**Next Board Meeting will be at the firehouse on September 26, 7:30pm.**

Respectively submitted by Lois Oleksa.