

**COOKS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING  
December 20, 2024**

**In Attendance** – Scott, Travis, Jim, and Lois at the Douglas'. Thanks for hosting and the fabulous meal.

**Approval of Minutes** –The Board meeting minutes of November 2024 were approved with a motion by Jim/Travis; all in favor, 4-0.

**Mail**- No mail.

**Treasurer's Report** – December's treasurer's report was approved 4-0 with a motion by Travis/Jim. Also, the November treasurer's report was approved 4-0 with a motion by Lois/Scott.

**Pay Bills** –Postage for the Fall newsletter was \$118.17, paid to reimburse Lois. The printing of the newsletter was previously paid.

**Committee Reports**

**Newsletter – Lois** –The Winter 2025 newsletter has an article deadline date of February 1, 2025. Aimee would like to write an article on the Springtown Water System and the need for volunteers. An announcement should be included for the death of a past treasurer and a past president, that is Margaret McDonald and Peter Fuller. Travis will send a newsletter to Alison from the Delaware River Greenway Partnership and ask if they'd partner with us in work.

**Social media – all** –Travis is working to get more visibility on both Instagram, Facebook and the website events page. Travis reported views numbering 4,000 to the social website. Scott and Travis will work on a letter updating members of their status and will offer stickers and patches that were made for the Festival. We are working on increasing our presence.

**Membership – Scott** –See above social media report.

**Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley (WCLV)/Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic (LDW&S)– Lois/Jim**–Lois reported the Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic 2025 grants will be opening soon. Travis will consider this grant to complete a study he has been considering.

**Environmental Monitoring – Scott** – Scott reported he will do an end of the year gauge reading. Water levels cannot be measured as the level is so low it is below measuring ability.

**Planning/Ordinances – Scott/Lois**-Nothing to report.

**Education /growing greener grant– Travis/Scott** – No report.

### **Old Business –**

**Stream assessments** -The assessment areas are, in Springfield, from Silver Creek east to the Springtown bridge and in Durham, from Red Bridge, west to the Durham Bridge. These assessments are almost done and the next phase is having Princeton Hydro conduct their assessments in January. Scott suggested finding the video taken by a plane that was done years ago of the Springtown area. It might yield some assessment information that could be part of the project.

**Peppermint Park Sign** - Springfield Park and Rec. awaits a map of the Watershed for a Peppermint Park kiosk. No mention was made of the Native Americans on the map. Travis will ask Rebecca at Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley if there is a way to remedy this error. We will print up some information that will be attached, under the plexiglass, on the map.

**TIC program -Trout in the Classroom** -Trout eggs will be raised and released into fish approved waters. This program will be done at Palisades H.S. and we will sponsor the program by offering some presentations on fish habitat and shade along the Cooks.

**Kimberton** – No report.

### **New Business –**

#### **TIC program update?**

**Book Quote** -This book is a book on the *Cooks Creek Invertebrates*, a work by Scott and Steve. The book is being currently laid out and Scott is working on the scale of the critters. The project will take all of 2025. Nick is doing the technical review.

**Fall 2025 Dinner** – David Winston has agreed to do a dinner presentation, for \$300, on October 5. However, he requests an hour for his talk. Scott will talk with him as this will be too long. Perhaps David can amend his talk or perhaps this talk is best suited for another workshop? A summer workshop with David and Scott, doing jams from foraged fruits?

### **Adjourn –**

**Next Board Meeting will be on January 23, 6:30 pm, at the Firehouse.**

Respectively submitted by Lois Oleksa.