

COOKS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING AGENDA
January 23, 2025

In Attendance – Scott, Travis, Jim, Sarah, and Lois. Also, Blake Timochenko from DT EAC, Mark Chilton, Science teacher in Palisades H.S. both with Trout in the Classroom. Also, Lorna Yearwood-Springfield BOS and working in the classroom with, Joann Mazzeo-artist, and Rachel Tubelo-Springfield Elementary first grade teacher.

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

Mail- No mail.

Treasurer's Report – January's treasurer's report was approved 5-0 with a motion by Travis/Sarah. There is one outstanding check from the Anniversary Festival. It was for Neil Hong at Palisades H.S. for music that they were to perform but neglected to show up for the event. We will consider it a donation from CCWA.

Pay Bills –Postage for the Fall newsletter was \$118.17, paid to reimburse Lois.

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 but this will be held out for the Spring newsletter. An announcement should be included for the death of a past treasurer and a past president, that is Margaret McDonald and Peter Fuller.

Social media – all –Travis is working to get more visibility on both Instagram, Facebook and the website events page. He will need more pictures. A suggestion of posting the “State of the Watershed” which is really our “Annual Report” was mentioned.

Membership – Scott –No report but one new membership through the website.

Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley (WCLV)/Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic (LDW&S)– Jim/Lois–WCLV is holding a virtual February meeting and a live meeting in March. Lois reported the Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic Tributary Group has put together a map of the new tributaries being documented and being added to the group which shows the obvious exclusion of Durham Township.

Environmental Monitoring – Scott – Scott reported the gauges are okay and he is working on hydrographs which will be included in the Winter newsletter.

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

Education /growing greener grant– Travis/Scott – Princeton Hydro has got all the data for the Watershed Conservation Plan and now needs to assemble it all. We then will have a public meeting and will consider areas to fix.

Old Business –

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. Mark Chilton who attended this board meeting and Dylan, on sabbatical, will head up the program. Two classes at PHS, one called Food to Table and the other an Environmental Science class, both consisting of 50/60 students will be involved. Things should be in place this October 2025 and trout will then be raised in the class room in 2026. The class will involve equipment set up and an urban hydroponics element such as raising food along with stream assessment. Background checks but not finger prints will be used when working with the school students.

Peppermint Park Sign - No mention was made of the Native Americans on the map. Working with Jim Wilson from the Northampton County Parks Department, Travis will come up with the wording that will be printed up and attached, under the plexiglass, on the map.

Kimberton – Our “month of round up” is August and we should plan to set up a poster and offer information on CCWA and joining the Watershed.

New Business –

Springtown Elementary Students/CC Watershed and Post Office Window – Lorna, Joann and Rachel are working together to decorate the Springtown Post Office with animal, insects, and birds made from recycled materials. These will be featured on a 7foot tree with the flora and fauna and a backdrop of the CCW. For the classroom CCWA will do a presentation on watersheds. Grades K-3 are involved and the time will be in the spring, however, not the month of April. We will do a Mini Monster Mayhem workshop, outside, at Scott’s place taking 3 hours and involving 30 kids. Blake offered a BirdNet set up if desired. Details will be worked out by Joann, Lorna and Rachel. The 4/5th grades will have a water pollution program offered by Heritage Conservancy in mid to late February. Rachel offered a suggestion that CCWA attend a “Club Night” at Springfield Elementary School in September. There we could set up a table and have a presence at the school.

Northampton County CD – Paige Strasko – No report as she was not at the meeting.

Adjourn –

Next Board Meeting will be on February 27, 6:30 pm, at the Firehouse.

Respectively submitted by Lois Oleksa.