

COOKS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
July 25, 2024

In Attendance – Scott, Travis, Jim, Sarah and Lois and Jennifer Helton from Lower Saucon Watershed Association. There was ice cream for all thanks to Travis.

Approval of Minutes –The Board meeting minutes of May 23, 2024 were approved; motion by Jim/Sarah; all in favor, 5-0.

Mail- No mail.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report was approved by a motion from Sarah/Travis; 5-0.

Pay Bills –Any outstanding bills from the Creek and River Festival should be submitted. We had budgeted \$5,000 and had expenses of approximately \$4,000. One of the musicians/groups did not attend. What should we do about it as they were paid upfront?

Committee Reports

Newsletter – Lois –The Summer 2024 newsletter has a deadline date of August 1. The Annual Report and the Annual Financial Report will be included.

Social media – all –Travis will work on an album of the Festival.

Membership – Scott – There were 12 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 August 6, also by Zoom.

Environmental Monitoring – Scott – Scott/Travis will look at the stream water gauges in August or September. The July monitoring was already done.

Planning/Ordinances – Scott/Lois- Springfield Township has completed their Comprehensive Plan.

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.

Old Business –

Festival unpack– July 13, 2024 was the festival date -All agreed the Festival was a success. There were 35 vendors and 300-350 people attended the Festival. There were 235 t-shirts purchased and 38 were sold or given away; 75 totes were purchased and 10 were sold or given away. It was great to meet new and past members. Going forward, next year is the Watershed Coalition's big program and perhaps there could be another Festival in 2 years with the Lower Saucon Watershed Association at Dimmick Park in Hellertown.

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. 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. The first quarterly report was filed and Princeton Hydro was appropriately paid for the quarter.

Durham Day – October 12, 1-4pm. – There was an interesting “erosion table” which the Bucks County Conservation District brought to the Festival. This model is supposedly for use and can be acquired for Durham Day. Another activity, for the kids, a “drawing on paper activity of the stream”.

New Business –

“Herb Walk” with David Winston – Saturday, September 28, 10-noon - at Judy Siegfried’s place. The program cost is \$300. A RSVP is required as there is a limit of 30 participants.

Adjourn

Next Board Meeting will be at the firehouse on August 29, 7:30pm.

Respectively submitted by Lois Oleksa.