

The monthly meeting of the Bald Eagle Watershed Association was held April 27, 2011 at the Milesburg Borough Office. Present were: Paul Bartley, Tom Letterman, Buzz McCartney, Bill Gentzel, and Ann Donovan. The meeting was called to order by Tom Letterman.

The minutes of March 23, 2011 were accepted with a motion by Buzz McCartney and a second by Bill Gentzel.

Treasurer's report with a current balance of \$1019.77 was accepted with a motion by Paul Bartley and a second by Buzz McCartney.

Handouts: Updated membership list

Old Business:

Growing Greener Startup Grant: Ann Donovan delivered the brochures. Brochures will be distributed by personal delivery and mailings to the municipal governments within the watershed. Ann will forward the list of educational materials to DEP for review and approval. DEP has given approval to have a watershed logo designed. Approval was given by the group to have Victorian Signs design and produce the logo at a maximum cost of \$200.00 with a motion from Buzz McCartney and a second by Bill Gentzel.

Watershed Commission formation: Paul Bartley reported that due to time and scheduling constraints this item is on hold.

Coldwater Heritage Grant 2011: Paul Bartley reported that we received a letter from Samantha Kutschel advising that we were not approved for funding his time around.

New Business:

Ann Donovan reported that Roy Brooks contacted her about his property washing out which is located along Wallace Run behind the Boggs Township Building. Ernest Young is also experiencing bank erosion along Wallace Run. DEP has been contacted about Denise Barndt's property erosion near the Unionville Bridge.

Spring Creek Watershed Association: Paul Bartley reported the April Meeting speaker was Nick Schipanski, ClearWater Conservancy's Water Resources Coordinator. Nick's presentation was entitled Clear as Mud: Federal Wetland Regulations 5 years after Rapanos. In 2006, the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Rapanos, (a developer,) vs. United States, removed federal Clean Water Act jurisdiction over certain types of waters and wetlands. Since the ruling, the federal courts and agencies have struggled to determine what waters are regulated under the Clean Water Act.

Spring Creek Watershed Commission: Paul Bartley reported the April Meeting speaker was Mark Stephens of DEP. He gave a presentation on the PA Source Water Protection Program. He is working with PA Rural Water to help local water systems develop their own source water protection program. The Spring Creek Watershed Association is sponsoring Candidates for Centre County Commissioner Environmental Issues Forum on May 5, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Courthouse Annex in Bellefonte. In addition to the Spring

Creek Watershed Commission, various other environmental and watershed groups including BEWA are co-sponsoring the event.

Good of the Order:

Paul Bartley reported receipt of a cash donation from Ronald and Susan Smith.

Membership applications for David N. Alexander, Steven Uberti Family, Ted Conklin Family, William L. Butler, Jean S. Giddings, William H. Vail and Carole Vail were accepted and approved with a motion by Buzz McCartney and a second by Bill Gentzel.

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Bartley with a second by Bill Gentzel.

Approved _____

Date _____