

The monthly meeting of the Bald Eagle Watershed Association was held April 29, 2009 at the Milesburg Borough Office. Present were: Buzz McCartney, Paul Bartley, Claude Confer, Mimi Wutz, Tom Letterman, Lysle Sherwin and Ann Donovan. The meeting was called to order by Buzz McCartney.

The minutes of March 25, 2009 were accepted with a motion by Mimi Wutz and a second by Claude Confer.

Treasurer's report with a current balance of \$8,638.60 was accepted with a motion by Tom Letterman and a second by Claude Confer.

Handouts: Check list for the Lucas / Davidson Wallace Run Project

Old Business:

Cold Water Conservation Grant: Paul Bartley reported we received and paid the County for copying. Ann to check with Deb Nardone on spending the balance on transportation charges at the Lucas / Davidson Wallace Run Project.

Growing Greener Startup Grant: Paul Bartley reported we are awaiting reimbursement from DEP for the digital camera. The Keystone group is working on the watershed brochure. Ann Donovan is checking with the County on possibly printing the brochure. Paul Bartley reported that preliminary work has started on the web site. He is looking at Go-Daddy as the possible host.

Wallace Run – Lucas and Davidson Project: It was decided that May's meeting will be held stream side and open to watershed residents, BEWA members and general public. This will include a tour of the completed project at the Brown property and the current Lucas / Davidson project with Larry Brannaka and Ann Donovan as guest speakers. The Keystone group will make up the poster.

DCED Grant: A motion was made by Claude Confer and a second by Mimi Wutz to spend a maximum of \$2500 for the purchase and planting of a tree and shrub buffer along Bald Eagle Creek at the Stere property located at Race Street in Unionville. Motion carried. Tom Letterman will check with KLR Nursery for pricing. This will be coordinated through Ann Donovan.

Keystone Project: Lysle Sherwin reported that 20 surveys were returned to date. Of these, 12 were positive for buffer planting. Lysle presented a draft follow-up letter. A motion was made by Mimi Wutz and a second by Claude Confer to accept the letter and proceed with mail out. Motion carried. Paul Bartley reported that we can purchase from the nursery at SCI Rockview through Milesburg Borough. Paul talked with Jim Eckert from Senator Corman's Office about a DCED grant for the purchase of trees and shrubs.

Nisource Grant –This grant is to be used for the Wallace Run - Lucas and Davidson Project.

New Business:

Moose Run: Ann Donovan reported that the Woomer family has contacted Representative Mike Hanna. The Centre County Conservation District has done all they can do. DEP has given the property owners an ok to perform steam improvements.

Ann Donovan reported that Mimi Wutz and Claude Confer helped with the Annual Cleanup Day held on 4/25. Paul Bartley reported that Milesburg Boro donated a truck and manpower on 4/27 to load and haul gathered cleanup from the McCoy Dam area to Milesburg.

Ann Donovan reported that BEA school district received \$2000 for the Environmental Center and \$7000 from Lowes for building construction.

Spring Creek Watershed Community: Paul Bartley reported that the sustainability initiative is still in the forefront. Sample invitation letters to core group and resource group members were reviewed. Robert P. Brooks and James S. Shortle gave a presentation on Balancing Ecological and Economic Concerns for Sustainable Communities. They expressed an interest in helping with developing a set of indicators to measure initiative progress.

Spring Creek Watershed Commission: Paul Bartley reported that representatives from the Spring Creek Watershed Community presented the sample invitation letters for review and comment. An application for a WREN grant was submitted by Clearwater Conservancy to be used for updating the Spring Creek Watershed Map.

Good of the Order:

2009 dues are now due

A motion to adjourn was made by Mimi Wutz with a second by Claude Confer.

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Date _____