

Minutes
WSWA Board Meeting
March 22, 2017

Attendance

Board Members: Norman Dean; Betty Harmison; Kate Lehman; Larry Lower; Andy Swaim; Bob Wurster. Rebecca MacLeod participated by phone. Guests: Kristen Mielcarek and Will Postlethwait, from Canaan Valley Institute (CVI).

Announcements and Reports

The southern-most Adopt-a-Highway sign has been erected just south of Winchester Grade Road.

Presentation/Discussion

Background: CVI had contacted WSWA about co-sponsoring two projects in Morgan County, both brought to the attention of CVI by Alma Gorse, County Planner. The first project would address erosion issues in the area behind the Total Image Hair and Tanning Salon. The second project would establish a riparian buffer along the newly expanded parking lot behind Berkeley Club Beverages.

A visit to the first site indicated that the salon's practice of mowing to the edge of the Run is the main problem. Berkeley Club Beverages has already done some work to establish a riparian buffer.

WSWA has established lists of potential projects that could help to protect or restore Warm Springs Run; neither of these projects was on our list.

There was discussion about how CVI functions and how organizations like WSWA could enlist their help to secure funds and technical assistance for projects that have been established as priorities. CVI expressed an interest in working with WSWA in the future.

Secretary's Report

It was noted that the annual WV Conservation Agency dam inspection will take place on April 19th, not the 16th. The minutes were filed as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

As of February 22, 2017, the balance in our CNB account was \$12870.25. Andy noted that there was one debit and one credit:

- \$23.71 was paid for check blanks;
- \$20.00 in members' dues was deposited

As of this morning, March 22, 2017, there is a balance of \$12,866.54 in our account.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Bob reported that an audit of the 2016 books passed with flying colors. The report of the Audit Committee will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Andy presented the proposed 2017 budget to the Board. This document will also be presented at the Annual Meeting and put up for a vote of the general membership. Andy requested permission to secure a Town of Bath Business License in order to sell things at the Plant Fair. Betty moved/Bob seconded the motion to approve the cost of \$10.00 for the license; the vote to do so was unanimous.

Membership: There have been two new members since the February meeting.

Program: Kate noted that the necessary advance planning for the Annual Meeting has been done.

Stream Monitoring: Norman noted that stream monitoring will begin in May. This year we will begin work at the north end of the Run, an area not included in our 2016 schedule.

Unfinished Business

Jeff reported that the **Pet Waste Stations** are being used. He is keeping an eye on the supply of bags and will replace them as necessary.

A sign-up sheet to work at the **Plant Fair** will be passed around at the Annual Meeting.

Advance planning for our **Make-it-Shine event** has been completed. Kate has spoken to Sheriff Bohrer about protocol for handling hazardous waste such as portable meth labs. He said meth is no longer the “drug of choice” in Morgan County, and that he’d be shocked if we came across any meth labs. A greater risk, he said, is improperly disposed of hypodermic needles.

New Business

We will meet at The Depot at 9:00 on April 14 for our April **Adopt-a-Highway** event.

The August presentation on **Rain Gardens** will take place on 10:00 on August 12 at the Board of Education Headquarters.

Bob Wurster was nominated as our honoree for the **Volunteer Recognition Breakfast**. Two tickets have been purchased. Kate will write a blurb for *The Morgan Messenger*. Stan Oaks will present our nominee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Because of the Annual Meeting, there will not be a regular meeting of the Board in April.