

**Minutes
WSWA Board Meeting
June 28, 2017**

Attendance

Board Members Present: Michael Brooks Norman Dean, Jeff Iliff, Kate Lehman, Brian McCann, Rebecca MacLeod, Stan Oaks, Andy Swaim, Bob Wurster. **Excused Absence:** Betty Harmison

Announcements and Reports

Kate reported that someone has totally defoliated the banks of an ephemeral tributary that runs along Jimstown Road into Warm Springs Run. Gerry Crispino has been informed.

Thank you to **Rebecca** for the excellent Excel workshop, which was held prior to the meeting. ***There will be a follow-up workshop an hour before the July meeting.***

Secretary's Report

The minutes were filed as corrected, and approved by common consent.

Treasurer's Report

Andy reported that at our last meeting, May 24, there was \$20,400.95 in CNB account. Since then there has been one debit:

- \$89.82 reimbursement to Michael for annual website fee \$89.82. This expense is included in our budget and was approved at the last meeting.

There were no credits to the account in the past month.

As of today, June 28, 2017, there is \$29,311.13 in the CNB account.

The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Finance: Andy presented two bills for payment:

- \$39.99 to reimburse Jeff for the purchase of replacement bags for the pet waste stations. It was determined that this bill be paid out of our budget rather than with Stream Partner grant funds.
- \$25.00 to reimburse Kate, who paid the annual filing fee to the Secretary of State.

Stan moved/Jeff seconded that these bills be paid; the vote to do so was unanimous.

Program: Kate reported that she is about to begin the publicity campaign for the August 12 presentation on rain gardens to be made by James Dillon. She will create posters to be displayed in town, starting in mid-July. A paid ad will go into *The Messenger* in early August, and an article about the topic will be submitted the week of the presentation. It was confirmed by common consent that budgeted funds be used to cover the cost of the publicity campaign.

To Do: Kate will secure the use of the Board Room at Board of Education headquarters.

Stream Monitoring: Norman reported on the results of monitoring at Widmyer and Double T. There is an excessive amount of caddis flies everywhere we monitor, a possible indication of increased deposits of sedimentation. The score at Double T dropped from 76 to 58 in one year, in part because so many crawdads were found. Last year there was a good mixture of critters at Double T. The results of various chemical tests were in a good range. It was decided that we will do a second monitoring at Double T, and that we will do monitoring at a site between there and the new Tractor Supply store.

Unfinished Business

Stan will attend **Watershed Celebration Day**.

Kate reported that the 2017 **Stream Partner's midterm report** is due on July 15, and that she will submit it on time.

Jeff reported that the three pet waste stations installed earlier this year are seeing heavier use than anticipated, especially at the state park. It was decided by common consent that we will buy 6 additional pet waste stations out of the general fund. We will ask Parks and Rec and the Ice House, both of whom have requested the installation of a pet waste station, to make a donation to help cover the costs. The Town of Bath Public Works Department has requested that a pet waste station be installed on Biser Street.

To Do: Jeff will approach McDonalds to see if they are interested in the installation of a pet waste station. Kate will talk to Sheetz again to see if they want 1 or 2 stations.

There was discussion of what kind of logos we want to install on the pet waste stations. Stan moved/Norman seconded that for now we will purchase vinyl logos; in the future we may want to consider buying aluminum logos.

No Master Gardeners have volunteered to create a **planting plan for the rain garden**. It was decided that we will meet at the Extension Office on July 16 at 1:00 to create a plan.

To Do: Kate will secure information on native perennials that do well in a rain garden; our goal is to have flowers in bloom for long as possible in the growing season.

Kate and Lance Strait, a member of the Tree Board, are meeting at the lot behind Trump & Trump on Monday, July 3 at 8:00AM to begin the process of **creating a planting plan for the two sites where we will plant trees** as part of our 2017 Stream Partners grant.

The position paper on protecting our deep source water has been completed. We will disseminate the paper in various places, including our website, the Morgan Messenger, Town Council, the County Commission and US Silica. We will present the position paper to US Silica officials prior to publicizing it elsewhere.

To Do: Kate and Rebecca will make an appointment with the environmental office at US Silica where we will personally present the paper and assure them that our goal is to maintain a good working relationship with the company.

New Business

Kate reported that there are very few weeds on the **path through the Widmyer Wetlands**. Mary Youngblood and Sylvia Thompson have indicated their interest in doing that work.

We will do **tree maintenance** at Double T in the coming weeks. Jeff will remove the stakes and arbor tie in the coming week. We will mulch the trees on Wednesday, July 12 at 8:00AM.

To Do: Kate will arrange to get free mulch from the town prior to July 12. **Rebecca** will create a maintenance agreement that we will ask Trump & Trump and Ellen and Rick to sign prior to planting trees on their properties.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:15 by common consent.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 26, starting at 6:00.