

Minutes
WSWA Board Meeting
October 25, 2017

Attendance

Board Members Present: Michael Brooks, Norman Dean, Betty Harmison, Jeff Iliff, Kate Lehman, Rebecca MacLeod, Brian McCann and Andy Swaim. Excused Absences: Stan Oaks and Bob Wurster. Guest: Zach Norris from Cacapon Institute

Announcements

Jeff shared his impressions about the Sleepy Creek HarFest he and Stan attended, noting that while it was not overly productive this year, now that we have some experience there he feels there is real potential for future years. There was discussion about the possibility of joining with other watershed groups for future events, as well as what could be done to make a booth more compelling.

To Do: Approach CI to see if they might be interested in holding a watershed summit to talk about how a group of watershed associations might be more of a presence at this event.

Secretary's Report

Jeff moved/Betty seconded that the minutes be accepted as corrected; the vote to do so was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

At our last meeting, which was held on September 27, 2017, there was \$18,712.76 in our CNB account. Since that time there has been 1 credit:

- \$399.98 from the Sheetz Corporation for two pet waste stations to be installed at the 2151 Valley Road location.

There were 7 debits:

- \$190.65 to Jeff to cover his expenses at Watershed Celebration Day. Our WCD scholarship covered these expenses.
- \$138.00 to the Morgan Messenger for the ad for the James Dillon presentation on August 12. This is a budgeted expense.
- \$105.49 to Sunny Meadows for 11 milkweed plants for the rain garden. This expense is covered by our 2017 Stream Partners grant.
- \$823.92 to Reading Landscapes for perennials to be planted in the rain garden. This expense is covered by our 2017 Stream Partners grant.
- \$1297.50 to Clear Ridge Nursery for 32 trees and delivery costs. This expense is covered by our 2017 Stream Partners grant.
- \$11.35 reimbursement to Lance Strait, Town of Bath Tree Steward, for two cans of spray paint used to mark planting locations and mulch islands. This expense is covered by our 2017 Stream Partners grant.
- \$238.56 reimbursement to Kate for Green-and-Gold groundcover that was planted in the rain garden. This expense is covered by our 2017 Stream Partners grant.

As of today, October 25, 2017, there is \$16,307.27 in our CNB account.

The Treasurer's Report was filed to audit.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee: There are no outstanding bills to present

Advocacy: Jeff noted that in the past month WSWA signed on to the Farm Bill letter and noted our protest against the Goodlatte Amendment. While this measure passed, Jeff did send thank you notes to the representatives who voted against it. Jeff also sent letters urging that the Clean Water Rule be maintained as well as letters protesting the proposed pipeline through Morgan County.

Rebecca went on record as abstaining from these actions.

Membership: Mike noted that we currently have a total membership of 38 people. It is time to send out renewal notices for people whose membership expires this year. Betty has stationery and Rebecca has forever stamps that can be used for those people with whom we communicate through the US Postal Service. Mike will send out a general letter inviting people to make an end-of-year tax-deductible donation to WSWA.

Webmaster: Face Book sent a notice saying that someone reported an inaccuracy on our page. Michael was unable to find anything amiss with our page, thus concluding that this was a phishing effort.

Unfinished Business

Jeff delivered a **pet waste station** to the Ice House, which they will take responsibility for installing.

To Do: Rebecca will check with Gordon MacLeod re the request from Parks & Rec to have a pet waste station installed in the North Berkeley Park. She will also determine if that group is willing to pay for a pet waste station.

Assuming that Parks & Rec wants a pet waste station, there is one more that has yet to find a home. Jeff suggested that we approach the school board about having one installed in the area between the football field and the Run.

The day after our last meeting, Jeff and Kate completed the task of **weeding the Wetlands Path**.

Kate and Rebecca put together a set of slides that depicted WSWA activities as well as our concerns in response to US Silica's permit request to expand mining operations into the zone of critical concern for the Berkeley Springs Water Works. In talking to representatives from US Silica who attended the meeting, Rebecca and Kate stressed that we're looking for a "win-win" solution for both organizations.

Thank you to the six people who showed up for our October 24 **Adopt-a-Highway effort**.

New Business

The Town of Bath Planning Commission has completed a comprehensive plan for the town. A major goal is to work with WSWA to reduce the severity of flooding in town. It was agreed that WSWA will hold a half-day working meeting in January or February to establish a plan of action.

It was decided to once again forego our usual November meeting, which is scheduled to take place the day before Thanksgiving. Instead we will meet on Wednesday, December 13 at the Cacapon Institute. We will arrange to carpool to the meeting.

It was agreed that we should make arrangements to acquire a **new computer** that can be used for Power Point presentations.

It was also agreed that we'd like to have a Spring "ribbon cutting ceremony" at Greenway Cemetery, to which representatives from various granting agencies would be invited.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 by common consent.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 13, starting at 6:00PM at the Cacapon Institute.