

Minutes August 7, 2019
Warm Springs Watershed Association Monthly Board Meeting
Morgan County Extension Office

Attendance: Rebecca, Andy, Norman, Stan, Jeff, Bob, Betty Lou, Mike
Excused: Kate
Guest: Zach Norris

Secretary's Report

The June 26 Minutes were accepted as is by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report

Debits: \$69 to Morgan Messenger for rack cards
\$731 to Campbell Insurance Co
Credit: \$175 from Bath Hotel/Motel tax
Ending CNB Balance as of today: \$20,284.34
The report was filed to audit.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Nothing is outstanding. We anticipate paying for half the cost of the Morgan Messenger ad for the Elizabeth Byers presentation (\$68).

As discussed previously, we will continue to require two signatures on checks written by us, although CNB requires only one. The advantages of a debit card for non-cash purchases were also discussed. Stan motioned, seconded by Mike, that we obtain the CNB account debit card in Andy's name, subject to the condition that it not be used for cash-only transactions. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Advocacy

Jeff had forwarded to us requests for Choose Clean Water environmental justice petition. In a 'big win', MD has outlawed foam food packaging and did not approve the pipeline permit to feed gas into the pipeline recently built in Morgan and Berkeley Counties.

Membership Report

All board members are paid up.

Program Committee/Elizabeth Byers Program August 12 – Widmyer Wetland and Presentation

The promotion (picture and article) in the Morgan Messenger was very well done. A field trip to Widmyer will occur after the talk.

Stream Monitoring

Two more dates are needed for Country Inn and Fairview. Norman re-iterated that he needs a 'second', soon to be 'first' for his position. Bob said he would apply for a DNR collection permit. Monitoring dates will be established when Kate is back.

Webmaster's Report - Nothing to Report

Unfinished Business

Boardwalk in Wetlands Schedule

We need a firm date in September to coordinate post hole digging and materials delivery. Rebecca suggested that high school students taking shop could help. Kate and Rebecca will talk to Mr. Abergad. Stan can get a 10% discount for materials at Lowes. It should take 2 days to complete and boardwalk. A generator will be needed. We might get lunches and water donations.

Purple Loosestrife Beetles and Follow ups

Sylvia Hovermale has given permission to work on the PL eradication on Rt 522 opposite the 19th Hole Bar and Grill. We scheduled a visit to cut and spray for 9am Aug 13.

The opportunity to coordinate beetle use with Abigail Devlin at Fish & Wildlife has passed as she has left that job.

Pet Waste Stations at High School

The two stations from Greenway to be used at the High School are in Bob's possession. We will coordinate with Jaime about their installation. There are concerns about right-of-way and snowplowing for one of them. Betty Lou suggested that the south parking lot at the Country Inn was popular with dog walkers and could use a station. Since there is a discount if more than 6 pet waste stations are purchased, we will collect additional suggestions for locations to discuss next month.

Your BMP – Fall

Fruit trees (apple, pear and peach) are newly available for \$30/tree in 7 gallon containers. Species offered at \$25/tree are redbud, serviceberry, white and red oaks, dogwood, red maple, river birch, black gum, sycamore, and eastern red cedar. Warm season grass six-packs (six plants, quart size) - \$18.

We have yet to determine a date for the tree planting demo and pickup. Zach suggests late October. Mike has 7 participants so far. The deadline is Aug 15.

New Business

Butt Bins

Rebecca offered that there is a free on-line offer of bins to contain cigarette butts.

A motion was accepted by unanimous consent to accept this new project. We will contact businesses and develop a one page brochure. Photos with latitude and longitude are needed.

2020 Stream Partners grant proposal suggestions

“Not so labor intensive” was a theme for the next SP Grant, due September 15. Funding for additional pet waste stations, “WSWA” stickers for waste stations, and Butt-bin brochures were suggestions. Funding for a person to aid in website and FB development will not be requested until we have more discussion of content maintenance and update policies.

Announcements and Reports

The Streetscapes committee meeting, tentatively scheduled for August 28, 2019 is open the the public. We are invited to wear our Polo shirts. WSWA and Sleepy Creek may present about watershed issues, flooding, dams, and storm water that affect the town and valley.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12

The Next Meeting will be September 4, 2019 at 6 pm