

CCWPA Annual Meeting
September 30, 2014
Dauphin County Agricultural & Natural Resources Center

MINUTES

1. After a social period, the meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by Paula Zankel. Board Members Present: Paula Zankel, Brett Zankel, Arlene Taylor, Sherry McLain, Mike Blum (100%). Public present: about 35 people.

2. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Paula Zankel gave a brief history of the Association and brought everyone up to date on what CCWPA has been doing so far. She introduced the Board, Officers and Committee chairs, and also introduced Gil Hirschel, who was present, and who was interested in everyone knowing about his Storm Water Management best practices devices, tour and education.

Paula also introduced ANDREW BLISS, the Community Outreach Manager from the Capital Region Water company, the successor entity to the Harrisburg Authority, and the owner/operator of DeHart Dam.

3. Mary Hochendoner then lead the meeting, giving a thorough presentation on the history of the Emergency Plan, the various suggestions made by CCWPA for its improvement, and the progress of these recommendations. Mary's presentation was accompanied by projections of the Emergency Plan, the Inundation Area maps, other related documents, etc.

4. Mary responded to various questions:

- a. When was the Dam last inspected? 10/2013.
- b. What is the Dam's condition? Good; it will last if properly maintained.
- c. Is the Owner/Operator financially capable of maintaining the dam? The answer to this was deferred to CRW.
- d. What plans are in place in case of a Dam failure? The Emergency Plan, which is overdue to be revised and republished.
- e. What type of warning system is in place? Mary reported that the current plan is flawed in this area, and that the CCWPA recommendation of a SIREN (from Three Mile Island; available at no cost) was one of the primary recommendations of CCWPA to the CRW.

Mary reiterated that our objective was to make residents aware of the plan, to put pressure on public officials to improve the plan, and to inform all parties of progress on it.

5. Andrew Bliss of CRW then made a brief reponse, stating that CRW is here to help the area, and invited the Board of CCWPA to meet with CRW as soon as possible. He stated that CRW wants to know our concerns and will answer our questions.

6. The upcoming Trash Pickup on October 18 was discussed; we have picked up 2,840 lbs. of trash and garbage so far! Meet at 9 am at Flemish Down; all are welcome and a pizza lunch will follow.

7. The BUSINESS MEETING then followed.

a. The Slate of Directors was presented. There were no nominations from the floor. Mike Blum, Arlene Taylor and Brett Zankel were elected unanimously to a 2-year term, ending September 2016.

b. Brett Zankel told the Association about the suspected DUMPING incident he and Paula separately witnessed on and about 7/17/14, at the 325-225 intersection. He identified the truck as owned by DeAngelo Brothers, Inc., and it has been seen again since then. They were probably cleaning the tank and exhausting it into the creek. What was in the tank? Fracking fluids? Spraying Pesticide residue? No one knows. The question is: does DBI have a permit? Were they flushing? Brett will continue to pursue this.

c. There was discussion about PA HB 1565, changing the Riparian Buffer requirements. After much debate, including a detailed explanation of the bill by Gil Hirschel, a resolution was made by Mike Blum, seconded by Joe Lauver, Sr., that:

The CCWPA opposed HB 1565 and its PA Senate counterpart because we believe in increasing riparian protection of our creeks and streams.

This resolution passed 12-1, and it was decided to send a letter including it to Senator Teplitz and Representative Helm.

d. Other clubs and their operations were mentioned, including the Sierra Club and the Dauphin County Woodland Owners Association.

8. Adjournment was at 9:00 pm.