

# **Minutes of the Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association**

## **CCWPA.ORG**

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

The March 15, 2011 meeting of the Clark's Creek Watershed Preservation Association was called to order at 7:11 pm by Sherry McLain. The meeting was held at the Dauphin County Agricultural building on Peters Mountain Road. Sherry opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a reading of the CCWPA mission statement.

The minutes of the February 15, 2011 meeting were distributed for review, and were approved as read. Karen Stilp provided the treasurer's report, as of February 28 we have \$762.32 in the bank account and 2 new memberships, for a total of 20 paid members.

Old business:

Website: Mike Blum provided a report. Meeting minutes are posted to the website, and a new page identifies board members and committees. We also have a Facebook page – you need to be a Facebook member, then search for Clark's Creek Watershed. Mike listed the trout day on April 2 and asked for volunteers.

Water Quality Study: Mike Yanchuk noted that the Trout Unlimited cleanup day for their portion of the road is April 23. The conservation district seedling sale is April 14-15 and order forms are due by Friday March 25. The conservation district web site is dauphincd.org. Mike provided a status of his grant and the ongoing habitat assessments. His macro invertebrate study started Monday and Tuesday, March 14 & 15. The creek flow measured 169CFM at the Appalachian Trail crossing as a point of reference it is usually 10 CFM in the dry months. (note for future reference... the weekend of March 12 there was an enormous flooding of Clark's Creek). Mike did find several invertebrates and stone flies in the water.

Mary asked about a group day, and Mike will sponsor a field trip to study the invertebrates on May 17, 6pm at the Appalachian Trail Crossing of route 325. Sherry wants to take attendance and give people credit for meetings attended. In addition to looking for invertebrates, the field trip will study the water temperature, dissolved oxygen, PH, conductivity, turbidity (sediment), and nutrient levels of the water. "Clarks Creek field Trip – Exploring for Invertebrates". Waders, old sneakers or surf shoes are recommended for this event.

SHARE Grant: We have not been officially approved, but rumor has it that we were approved for \$1000. Karen Stilp will be the grant manager.

Adopt-a-Highway. Mary reported that we were approved by PaDot for mile 2-4 of Clark's Valley Road, beginning at the cement The topic is Private well protection and Maintenancebridge. The obligation is to police the stretch of roadway 4 times per year. The first pickup will be April 23, to coincide with the Trout Unlimited date so that we can share lunch at the same parking lot. Mike Blum offered the parking lot at Flemish Down as a place to meet and park. CCWPA is now listed on the Great American Cleanup of Pennsylvania web site. NO rain date was determined.

### **NEW Business:**

Mary moved and Mike Blum seconded to get a post office box. Karen will investigate. Mary moved and Karen seconded to pay Mike Blum to make a banner for the organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23

**PROGRAM: Tonight's** speaker is Mike Yanchuk of the Dauphin County Conservation District, a division of Penna DCNR.

(Paula's speaker notes:

Wells are not regulated in Pennsylvania. Mike provided a fact sheet from [mwon.cas.psu.edu](http://mwon.cas.psu.edu)

Wells should be tested for structure, bacteria, PH, dissolved solids, water hardness every 3 years, by a PA DEP lab, or Analytical Labs in Middletown. The PA DEP regional office on Elmerton Avenue has bottles and test kits.

Penn State University runs an on-line course for Master Well Owners, which Mike has taken. (Also Brett Zankel)

Respectfully submitted

Paula Zankel

Secretary, CCWPA