

Minutes — CCWPA Annual Meeting
Dauphin County Agricultural & Natural Resources Center
September 29, 2016

1. The Call to Order at 7:02 pm, after a Social Hour, was by Paula Zankel, President of the Association. 11 current members were present, out of a total of 30; thus the needed quorum was attained.
2. Paula Zankel delivered a President's Report, the Association having been in existence for 6 years. She mentioned:
 - a. Growth of awareness of CCWPA in Dauphin County.
 - b. Successful networking of CCWPA in the community at large, shown by responses received.
 - c. Support CCWPA has given to approved land use, for instance our participation in Dauphin County recreation and environmental discussions.
 - d. Our participation in the Capitol Region Water Protection Group workings, especially as relates to the CRW Conservation Easement.
 - e. Our monitoring of the development and application process of "River View at Middle Paxton."
 - f. Our continued participation at such events as Ned Smith Day.
 - g. Our continued Adopt-a-Highway and Great PA Cleanup successes (twice a year!).
3. Paula Zankel announced that the Board had voted to endorse 3 candidates in the upcoming November election: Jody Rebarchak for State Representative; Rob Teplitz for State Senator; Katie McGinley for US Senator. The Board respectfully submits these endorsements to the GENERAL MEMBERSHIP for consideration. As part of that consideration, the Board invited these three candidates (or their representatives) to speak to the General Membership at this Annual Meeting.
4. Paula Zankel then introduced JODY REBARCHAK, Candidate for State Representative, 104th District, summarizing her life history. Ms. Rebarchak then spoke of her stance on the environment, on her work with the Shade Tree Commission; her stance against "fracking"; her work on rain gardens and recycling; her stance PRO solar energy and the need for environmental education in the schools, etc. Responding to questions from those in attendance, Jody stated that she wants to work across party lines, to support the environment, and be "totally different" from the incumbent (Sue Helm).
5. Paula Zankel then introduced Pam Zidik, Campaign Chair for Robert Teplitz, who is the incumbent in the 15th State Senatorial District (comprising Harrisburg, Dauphin, Middle Paxton, etc.). Pam iterated Senator Teplitz's fight for schools, jobs and governmental reform; for transparency and responsibility in Government. She mentioned that he has a 100% score on the PA Environmental Scorecard, the SIERRA Club scorecard, ditto Clean Water Action and Conservation Voters; he is the senate "Environmental Champion" -- and very accessible. In response to questions, Pam stated that Rob's strength was his accessibility. He is opposed by Jon DeSanto, a developer. Rob's presence on many important committees was stressed, as was his pledge "not to take any pay until the budget is passed!"
6. The Membership by acclamation endorsed the recommendations of the Board for the 3 candidates, on a motion by Brett Zankel, seconded by Mike Blum.
7. Paula Zankel thanked the Board for its work, and asked various committees and individuals, including any members present, for their reports, comments, questions and discussion, which were as follows:
 - a. Adopt-a-Highway: Mary Hochendoer stated that over 2 tons of trash had been collected in 10 separate sessions, and that the next one was scheduled for October 22, 2016. She stated that CIGARETTE BUTTS remain the single most common and numerous item; therefore we have created NEW SIGNS that will say:

"Keep your eyes on the road and your BUTTS in the car"! (in a rhyming quatrain)

She also stated that we had received a CERTIFICATE from the International Coastal Conservancy for our work.
 - b. Rob Frank, from Dauphin County Water Conservation, stated that the Creek was still classified as a high quality trout-stocked cold water non-impaired fishery. His work is to concentrate on water quality and buffers. In response to Brett Zankel's question about water being taken FROM the creek, Frank stated that doing that was legal

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-- up to 100,000 gallons/month per organization; this was commonly done for use in hydro-seeding and was acceptable. Rob Frank stated that the next WATER SAMPLING of Clarks Creek was March-April 2017.

c. No one had any data about the effect or results of the PennDot Rte. 325 drains.

d. John Mimmall asked about yearly thermal inversion from the Dam that occurred each September; this is evidently a natural occurrence.

e. The treasury total is \$3,833.26, according to Sherry McLain.

f. Tanya Dierolf discussed water allocation and the Conservation Release of CRW. CRW is permitted to take 13.5 million gallons of water a day from DeHart Reservoir, so long as a minimum of 6.5 million gallons a day are released as the creek. Thus exists a margin of safety, depending on flow and rainfall in some months. Usually it's about half-and-half, she said. CRW is currently working through permit renewal - 1994 was the last such -- she does not know if the gallon total will change in either direction but CRW is NOT asking for a decrease! CRW in all, from all sources, requires 15 million gallons a day to serve its customers; water from DeHart provides 60,000 people with drinking water each day!

Tanya also stated that CCWPA has been "a great partner ... serving on the source water collaborative committee ... and continues to help CRW implement its management strategies." Tanya stated that CRW joins CCWPA in working towards litter and trash inhibition.

She detailed the Conservation Easement -- over 1/2 of CRW land -- putting it under permanent protection -- on the way to 100%! CRW is thus forgoing any development. This is also hand-in-glove with the "Dark Sky" initiative favored by the Fort Indiantown Gap military needs -- part of the National Conservation Woodlands Forest Stewardship Plan -- very impressive -- the easement may indeed be the first "dark sky" conservation easement in existence!

g. Joe Lauver, Jr., reminded us all that the DAM EMERGENCY / SIRENS ISSUE is not over, and needs to be looked at; all agreed.

h. Joe Lauver III asked if anyone had knowledge of "Bike Route J" being under pressure or diminished by PennDOT -- it is Rte. 322 out of Harrisburg.

i. Paula Zankel reported that STEVE RUNKEL has agreed to be the Keynote Speaker for the CCWPA 2017 Annual Meeting.

8. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS: the slate presented by the Nominating Committee:

Mike Blum
Arlene Taylor
Brett Zankel

... were unanimously approved by the members. These are for 2-year terms, to September 2018.

9. Brett Zankel's wording of the CCWPA request for letters supporting CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROPOSALS was approved unanimously, and will be placed on the web site.

10. Adjournment was at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Blum, Secretary
2/13/17