



## Spring Creek Watershed Association Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2013

Attendees: Ann Donovan, Bob Donaldson, Kent Addis, Dave Smith, Katie Ombalski, Bob Vierck, Leah Weaver, Barbara Fisher, Judy Sittler, Jim Gazza, Jennifer Shuey, Bill Sharp, Paul Bartley, Rob Cooper, Kristen Saacke Blunk, Nick Schipanski and Cidney Jones.

1. Bob Vierck from Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited, and Katie Ombalski, from ClearWater Conservancy, discussed recent stream restoration projects undertaken by their respective organizations in the Spring Creek Watershed.
2. Association Business
  - a) Update on strategic planning process: Kristen distributed draft Association / Commission strategic planning concept along with Paul Bartley's review of past Association efforts in this area (contact [nick@clearwaterconservancy.org](mailto:nick@clearwaterconservancy.org) for copies). Since the Commission's March meeting is canceled, will table the discussion until April.
  - b) Recharge Map: no report
  - c) Spring Creek Canyon trail: Benner Township will be preparing DCNR C2P2 grant proposal (due April 10) for a new / improved trail in the Canyon between Rock Road and the parking lot at bottom of Shiloh Road. There was discussion among attendees of potential archeological impacts and conflicts with present uses and upgrade plans (the existing Rock Road parking lot, in particular). Kristen agreed to draft a letter to the Township expressing Association support for adequate planning and public discussion prior to construction.
3. Partner Updates:
  - a) The report *Surface Water Assessments in Centre County Pennsylvania: the Beech Creek Watershed* is available online at <http://centrecountypa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/808>
  - b) Watershed Cleanup day will be held April 20<sup>th</sup>. For sign-up, contact Nick at [nick@clearwaterconservancy.org](mailto:nick@clearwaterconservancy.org) .

- c) ClearWater's Spring Creek Family Festival and 5K will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup> at Millbrook Marsh. For more information, contact Chris Hennessey at [chris@clearwaterconservancy.org](mailto:chris@clearwaterconservancy.org) .
  - d) A tentative date for the public memorial for Jim McClure at Millbrook Marsh is June 15.
  - e) The Spring Creek Chapter of TU will celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at it's April 6 annual banquet. Details at [http://www.springcreektu.org/annual\\_banquet.html](http://www.springcreektu.org/annual_banquet.html)
  - f) Ann Donovan reported on recent successes of Manure Management Workshops and plans for future workshops in Fall 2013.
  - g) Pennsylvania Land Association Conference will be held at the Penn Stater from April 4-6. <http://conserveland.org/conferences/13>
  - h) Pennsylvania Watershed's Advocate, Communicate, Transform (ACT) Conference will be held at the Nittany Lion Inn on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. <http://www.pennsylvaniawatersheds.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/PA-Watersheds-ACT2013.pdf> .
4. The next meeting will be April 16, 2013 at 7:30 AM at the Patton Township Municipal Building. The scheduled speaker will be Bill Anderson from the Little Juniata River Association to discuss stream restoration on the Little J.