

Spring Creek Watershed Association Meeting



October 20, 2015

7:30 A.M. to 9:30 a.m.

Patton Township Municipal Building
100 Patton Place, State College. PA 16803

Notes

Attendees: Bob Donaldson, Judi Sittler, Adrienne Gemberling, Barbara Fisher, Bill Sharp, Paul Bartley, Autumn Radle, Ann Donovan, Barbara Newell, Bob Eberhart, Michelle Halsell, Bob Carline, Deb Nardone, Bob Vierck and Kevin Abbey.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Watershed Association Note-taking.

There was agreement that, as ClearWater's Watershed Coordinator, Adrienne Gemberling, often had much to contribute to discussion during Association meetings, and she should not have the responsibility of note-taking. Bob Eberhart (who apparently has nothing to contribute to the discussion), agreed to take notes for the October and November meetings, the remaining meetings of the calendar year. In discussion of how to provide note-taking for future meetings, it was noted that the Watershed Commission, in order to free one of their members from taking notes and preparing minutes of their meetings, is considering the hiring of someone to do these tasks. It was further noted that in their discussion of this idea, the possibility of the Commission also hiring someone to perform these tasks for the Association was mentioned. Judi Sittler will pursue this idea with the Commission at their next meeting.

Bob Donaldson discussed some reorganization of the Atlas Workgroup that should improve its efficiency. He and Barbara Fisher will continue as co-chairs, and a Steering Committee including Judi Sittler, Bob Carline, and Barbara Newell will assist them. Judi Sittler will act as discussion leader during meetings of the Workgroup.

Bob Carline led a discussion of an outline of the Atlas content and proposed the formation of several committees that will develop the Atlas. These include Functional Committees that will support the development of the Atlas and Topical Committees that will develop the actual content. (A more complete outline of the organization of the Workgroup and the Committees that are to be formed were distributed as an attachment to the Agenda of the November 5 Workgroup meeting.)

Bob Donaldson suggested the preparation of a short description of the Atlas to be used in recruitment of authors for sections of the Atlas. It was then suggested that a video for this purpose might be prepared. Adrienne Gemberling and Bill Sharp volunteered to serve on a "Project Engagement" Committee that will prepare this kind of information.

Kevin Abbey reported for the Atlas Query Committee that is reaching out to existing Watershed Atlases to inquire about how these groups got started and how they operate. He is preparing questions to be sent to these other Atlases. Adrienne Gemberling is working with Kevin on this Committee.

Deb Nardone, Executive Director of ClearWater Conservancy, said that either she or Kevin Abbey will be attending future meetings of the Association.