



Spring Creek Watershed Association Meeting

June 21st, 2017

7:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Patton Township Municipal Building
100 Patton Plaza, State College PA 16803

Minutes

Welcome and Introduction

Attendees: Ann Donovan, Bill Sharp, Barbara Fisher, Bob Eberhart, Todd Giddings, Mike Schmidt, Andrea Murrell and Barbar Newell

Monthly Educational Topic: Centred Outdoors – Andrea Murrell, Communications Coordinator, ClearWater Conservancy

- What is Centred Outdoors?
 - Centred Outdoors is an invitation to people of all ages and fitness levels to get outside and explore up to nine natural destinations around Centre County.
 - To participate in the Centred Outdoors Challenge and be eligible to win prizes, participants get tokens for every adventure they go on. To complete the challenge, participants must go on nine adventures by August 16th.
- Partners
 - Penn State Sustainable Communities Collaborative
 - Mount Nittany Health
 - Centre Moves
 - Millbrook Marsh Nature Center
 - Penns Valley Conservation Association
 - The Arboretum at Penn State
 - Mt. Nittany Conservancy
 - Get Outdoors PA
 - Spring Creek Chapter Trout Unlimited
- Website Features: www.centredoutdoors.org
 - Event Calendar
 - Site Details: Adventure information, dates, map, ecology posters
 - User Profiles: E-trophies, rankings, upload a selfie and more
 - Printable Materials
 - Prescription PARx Information
 - Email connects through Constant Contact
- Events and Outings (Every Sunday from 2-5pm and Wednesday from 6-9pm)
 - All events will be led by experts in their field whether its fishing, birding, history or the site itself.
 - Black Moshannon State Park - June 18th (60+ attended) and 21st



SPRING CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

A grassroots stakeholder initiative

- Barrens to Bald Eagle Corridor - June 25th and 28th
- Bald Eagle State Park - July 2nd and 5th
- Talleyrand Park - July 9th and 12th
- Spring Creek Canyon - July 16th and 19th
- Poe Paddy Tunnel - July 23rd and 26th
- Millbrook Marsh - July 30th and August 2nd
- The Arboretum at PSU - August 6th and 9th
- Mount Nittany - August 13th and 16th
- Final Wrap-up Event - August 20th at Millbrook Marsh
- Penn State Sustainable Communities Collaborative
 - Multiple Penn State classes and student interns made this project possible
 - Tara Wyckoff, COMM 473 PR/Mktg ---> Messaging and Marketing
 - Birgitta Baker, RPTM 433 ---> Health Benefits
 - Ryan Russell, GD 301 ---> Logo Design
 - Alan Graefe's HDNRE 590 ---> Pre/Post Survey
 - Rob Brook's Wetland Graduate Seminar Course ---> Site Ecology
 - Interns: Zhewei Wu (website), Celeste Tenega (social media), Ben Attanasion (app)
- The SCWA decided to hold its next meeting at the July 12th Talleyrand Park Centred Outdoors event.

Association Business

- Atlas Progress Report – Barbara Fisher
 - At the last Atlas workgroup meeting, the group decided that the scope of the Atlas should be broad rather than narrow. This means that topics will encompass not only water specific areas but also areas that impact or are impacted by water.
 - The May 17th seminar at Penn State was very successful. Michele Halsell helped to facilitate collaboration between Penn State faculty and the Atlas. There was very positive feedback from the faculty who attended and planning for next semester will happen this summer.
 - The workgroup also decided that articles in the Atlas should remain unbiased and not advocate for a specific cause. The Atlas is meant to be an educational tool that outlines fact-based information. People can then draw their own conclusions from this information.
- Watershed Management Plan
 - Both the Centre and Hamer foundations have denied funding for this project. However, we will have another Americorps coming on this Fall to help as Lexie will begin to work for the WRMP and ClearWater Conservancy as the Water Resources Specialist. Also, the SCWC is pushing to increase municipal contributions in order to support a part-time position to work on the plan.



New Business – No New Business

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes were approved unanimously with no additional comments.

Partner Updates

- Ann Donovan – Centre County Conservation District
 - The Conservation District is finishing two large projects:
 - One on Little Fishing Creek through NFWF fundings
 - Another with Penns Valley Conservation Association with five farms in Penns Valley
 - The Conservation District has also hired a new secretary and E&S specialist.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:10 AM

Next Meeting: July 12th at 6PM at Talleryrand Park

- For more information on the next meeting:
<https://www.centredoutdoors.org/sites/talleyrand-park/4>
- **Please** take the time to RSVP for this meeting either by emailing Lexie (lexie@clearwaterconservancy.org) or by RSVP'ing on the Centred Outdoors website.