

SHERMANS CREEK CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION, INC.
"Dream, Plan and Act to Execute the Mission Statement"

March 24, 2008--Annual Election and Organizational Community Meeting.

Attendance:

___ Linda Sieber, Chair ___ Janet Smith, Treasurer
___ Karen Bolze, Vice Chair ___ Becky Lauzon, Secretary

Daniel Farber, Christine McCarl, Samantha Berkheimer, Dani Collins

Old Business:

1. Minutes: will be available online at our website
2. Treasurers Report: \$4038.17
3. Membership: *Becky. Becky is still receiving them sporadically.*
4. 2008 Crocks: *Linda sold two 2006 and one 2008 this weekend.*
5. Monitoring: *QC Re-training session w/ALLARM- Dave Miller attended. Still no correct phone number for Debra Boyer. Apparently she moved and left no forwarding address. Janet Smith will deliver quality samples of 4/13. Another training may be scheduled (dependent on our financial resources to purchase kits)*
6. EV Petition: *Michelle Tate: DEP will publish a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin fieldwork on Sherman Creek this spring. Our documentation was submitted two years ago to upgrade Shermans Creek to exceptional.*
7. Linda's Letter: *Sent to Supervisors and Newspaper. Linda was told that Deimler and his brother intend to put a restaurant into the Midway garage and have asked for a "small flow treatment facility" permit. According to Dan Kirk, they are having a legal issue with a personal property owner who wants to put one in as a new system, which the twp. does not want to see happen. Then, any home property owner could then apply for one. The thing about a SMTF is it must be monitored, and the twp doesn't want to be the ones to have to start paying for this...and they don't trust Deimler to do it. Someone else would have to be responsible to do it. He could appeal at the twp's legal expense. The twp wants to only have a SMTF when an existing one is failing or there's no other means to fix or replace it.*
8. Carroll Twp. Island Clean Up: *Supv. Dan Kirk wants SCCA to help him apply for a grant that will clean up flooding debris from SC Islands that could cause more back ups. Linda will be meeting with Perry Co. Watershed Specialist on 3/25 to access damages, etc.*

New Business:

1. BSWP Plan: *WREN Grant: This is coming to completion. Our final project is visiting schools.*
 - (a) Blain School Programs:
 - Blain Mennonite: *Was Feb 1st (Fri) @ 1:00. Clarks Run Rd.*
 - Blain Amish: *(1st school) 1-8th grade 20 kids. (2nd school) April 16th at 1:00.*
 - Blain Elementary: *April 18th. Tina Leister-4th grade (3) 1 hr 10 min classes. 9:15-10:25, 10:30 – 11:40 and 1:00-2:10. 20/class. WREN Grant financed purchase of pens, paper, enviroscape and*

recent purchase of ground water model. ALLARM students will develop & present program w/Karen & Linda assisting. Also helping may be Christine and Samantha.

(b) WREN: *Interim report was sent, Linda will submit final report by June.*

2. CPC-Rivers and Conservation Grant:

(a) Final Newsletter: *Sent request to S. Rynders this am for her article. Any ideas for articles? Will include info on crocks, Creek Clean Up, Island Cleanup. Any additional ideas should be emailed to Linda.*

(b) Final project: A great opportunity for the SCCA to plan for future restoration/protection grants, perhaps with local municipalities/groups? Final meeting is scheduled for April 3rd. @ 6:30 to discuss final report.

3. NIMROD event: *Sat. June 28th. We will use Enviroscape to show pollution. MG's will teach about Native & pollution filtering plants, etc. There will be a meeting at Karen's to discuss our presentation @ 7pm. Dan Farber and his wife may be able to help, along with Christine, Samantha and Dani. Linda will email directions to Karen's to Christine.*

4. 2008 Projects & Grants *I had no time to put together the 2009WREN grant for April 8th deadline. ALLARM provided sources...I need help.*

WREN Grant- Need to apply to cover expenses; newsletters, mailing/postage, mileage & time (donated) for Riparian Educational Projects in Blain. Perhaps funding for a traveling display presentation? School Edu. pg in newsletter? Karen put together a list of groups not yet reached. Linda received info from Julie @ ALLARM regarding grant availability.

Creek Clean Up: May 17. w/rain date June 7th. Larry & Eric. Linda will be available 1st thing am, but can't attend afterwards, Becky will take her place. SCCA will provide subs from 2 Brothers for lunch at Linda's around 1 pm.

Site of clean up has not yet been determined, probably the Carroll Twp areas.

Linda will check with Don Kline (district forester) for problem sites. Linda has the name of a place that will take tires. She will contact the municipality where the clean up is done to see if they will pay for refuse removal. Sherman Dale Boy Scout troop has offered to help.

Revise Monitoring Plan: Julie Vastine from ALLARM requested we hold a SCCA H2O monitor meeting for their ideas & support. Changes since 2000 and other methods of monitoring will be the topic.

Monitoring: Need 2008 Budget. ALLARM

We discussed Mrs. Leister's (teacher at Blain) idea of forming an Environmental Club @ Blain Elem. We may offer to meet with them once a month. We also discussed sending a letter home with all students in the watershed (from school) about who we are, what we do, upcoming events, etc.

5. 2008 Meeting & Event Schedule:

Next Meeting: May 24th @ 7:00 pm.