

**Shermans Creek Conservation Association
March 23, 2009 – Members & Community Meeting**

Attendance:

Linda Sieber, Chair Janet Smith, Treasurer
Karen Bolze, Vice Chair Angela Schreffler, Secretary

Jodi Kelly, Tom Prescott, Matt Fry, and Gary Fleeger

Minutes

Treasurers Report

Membership – Only 33 renewals to date. Directors need to renew too.

ALLARM Data interpretation meeting 1/31/09 – great success. Nitrate problems were detected. Karen will provide a general overview of the meeting in the May newsletter. The May newsletter will also include bacterial results and educational information to inform the public prior to recreational use (swimming!). Karen will provide articles to Linda. In the next newsletter, will provide an article that includes more in depth research that may include any state limits on recreational use or aquatic life for nitrates and bacteria.

WREN Grant Linda read the grant application that she prepared. Partners include School Districts, Master Gardeners, Perry Co. Conservation District, ALLARM, Tuscarora Forestry Dept. and several Municipalities in Perry County. Projects SCCA is proposing deals with healthy gardening, runoff pollution generate from households, macroinvertebrates as indicators of stream health, well-head protection, maintaining septic systems, awareness of bacterial contamination in the watershed, native plants, rain barrels, buffers, proper use of pesticides and fertilizers, and illicit discharges. The grant application also requests funding to help with newsletters (with kid activity pages) and additions to our existing enviroscape. The grant application will be submitted by the end of March.

*Consider manning an SCCA stand at the Perry Co Fair in Newport-Aug 25-29th.

SCCA & Community Events – volunteers needed

Perry County Fair with conservation district – August 25-29

Blain Elementary-need volunteers & date to be scheduled.

Envirothon May 6th (Linda will volunteer, Karen and Angela can't make that date)

Carroll Community Center – October 3rd “Annual Fall Celebration” (Multiple volunteers for this one)

Creek Clean Up – June 6th – Shermans Creek Drumgold's Corner to Delville covered bridge. Gary will be able to help if it's on June 6th. If it's on the rain date (June 13th) he cannot. Angela will be attending and bringing some members of Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals (PAEP) with her. Linda will email Angela the flyer for her to distribute to the PAEP group.

PA Cleanways – illegal dump clean up on Boots Hollow Road on March 28th. No one was sure where Boots Hollow Road was and there were no volunteers.

Oliver Perry District of the Keystone Area Council: Boy Scouts having its Spring Camporee this year at Little Buffalo State Park and its theme is fishing. The dates for the event are May 15, 16, & 17th. Volunteers are needed for Sat. May 16th 8AM-3PM

Nimrod Event – June 27th – Macro program – Linda, Karen, Dan & Addie, Susan (MG), and Angela

Newsletter

**Hope to be out by 1st week in May.*

Will include:

- Native plants article
- New Monitoring Program
- Karen's ALLARM SC Monitoring/Analysis Program
- Healthy Yard Initiative
- Upcoming Events
- 2010 Crock Ad

Wait to do a children's page until WREN newsletters-SCCA will pay as "match".

Perry County Master Gardeners

Approved use of enviroscape for Cumberland County MG programs. Yellow Breeches 6-8th grade special needs group would like SCCA/PC MG to come for a program. Linda and Susan Beinhaur (MG) will run the program using the enviroscape (discuss pollution runoff, native plantings, wildlife gardening, etc)

2010 Crocks

Steve Keaton has committed. Just need to pick out a sample to obtain price. Shall we offer a special item? There was a brief discussion about special items (plates, vases, etc.) and the consensus was to stick to just the crocks. Can't customize the design, need to choose from what is available. Cattails? Country design? Last year we sold them for \$28. November delivery.

Other

Linda mentioned that there is a Pepsi plant in Mechanicsburg; perhaps they would be a local donor of barrels. Tom offered that there is a store on Route 104 (where it parallels Route 11/15) called Route 104 Barrels that sells various types of barrels and all the fittings you would need to make a rain barrel. Angela will look into these options for donations or at least discounted barrels.

Janet has had contact with the Perry County Times in the past to get an article or coverage for SCCA events. They announce SCCA events, but don't ever seem to do a write up after the fact. Maybe if we provide a photo and an article, they would be more likely to print it? Linda will contact Bonnie or Wade around our next event.

Morning after the meeting Angela sent an idea to Linda who forwarded to all at this meeting for SCCA to have its own email address and send out an email monthly update to those email addresses that are provided to us. Monthly update would include upcoming SCCA events as well as any other events of interest SCCA would like to promote in the area. Can also include

links to educational information on various topics. Will put a request in newsletter for email addresses if they want to subscribe to monthly update (does not need to be a member?). Also can ask for comments/inquiries/or reports of illegal dump or illicit discharges to the email address. This service would be no cost to SCCA. Angela volunteered to gather info and send the monthly email.

Next Meeting is May 11th.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.