

LEHIGH COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE DIRECTORS' BOARD MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 13, 2016

Chairman Bill Erdman called a regular meeting of the Lehigh County Conservation District Directors to order at 7:00 PM at the Lehigh County Conservation District Office located at 4184 Dorney Park Rd, Allentown, PA 18104

Present were:

Directors:

Bill Erdman	Chairman
Bill Royer	Public Director
Paul Semmel	Farmer Director
Mary Ellen Snyder	Public Director

Agencies:

Andrea Tessier	District Director, Penn State Extension
Kristie Fach	Director of Ecological Restoration, Wildlands Conservancy
Pete Zakanyycz	NRCS/USDA

Staff:

Bill McFadden	District Manager
Kevin Frederick	Assistant District Manger

Public:

Alex Tamerler

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – Alex Tamerler requested to receive a copy of the previous meeting's packet

### ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS/AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None

### APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S BOARD MEETING MINUTES

It was on motion by Bill Royer & seconded by Mary Ellen Snyder to accept & approve the minutes from the September 8, 2016 Board of Directors' Meeting as amended. All were in favor.

### AGENCY REPORTS

Kristie Fach, Wildlands Conservancy, provided an update on the Wildlands Conservancy's work including progress on the buffer grant program; partnership was discussed regarding the use of the District's draft small restoration E&S Plan packet.

Andrea Tessier, Penn State Extension, provided an update on the rain barrel workshop at Illicks Mill, Bethlehem; organic vegetable production for new farmers, environmental stewardship and grant money for Zika virus educational material. A spotted lantern fly quarantine map was handed out as well as a Public Meeting notice – 10/27/2016 at the Goodwill Fire Company. Alex Tamerler suggested that the educational material include all tree pests of concern.

Pete Zakanyycz, NRCS/USDA, provided an update on the Equip program, 10 applications have been received all within the Perkiomen watershed. Work is almost complete at heavy use area for the Dietrich Farm. Paul Semmel inquired as to if the bulldozer operator position was filled.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### Update on Contingency Monitoring

Operating funds and balance sheet were presented to the Board for review.

#### Approval of Disbursement of Bills for August 2016

A motion to approve & accept the Disbursement of Bills for September 2016 was made by Bill Royer and seconded by Paul Semmel. All were in favor. A discussion was held regarding the PADEP Practice Keeper, Bill Erdman provided a background.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Water Quality Committee

Kevin Frederick reported that the Water Quality Program staff has been continuing with permit reviews and inspections; two administrative settlements were still pending. Pete Zakanyycz inquired about sinkholes, a general discussion took place regarding sinkholes, how to mitigate them and infiltration practices.

DIRECTOR ACTION ITEMS

Dirt and Gravel Road Application from Lowhill Township application for Narris Road

A motion was made by Bill Royer and seconded by Paul Semmel to approve the application. All were in favor.

Dirt and Gravel Road Application from Lowhill Township application for Valley Road

A motion was made by Bill Royer and seconded by Mary Ellen Snyder to approve the application. All were in favor.

Approval to accept the 2015 Audit

A motion was made by Paul Semmel and seconded by Bill Royer by to approve accepting the 2015 Audit. All were in favor.

Health, Vision, and Dental Insurance Renewal

A motion was made by Paul Semmel and seconded by Mary Ellen Snyder to approve the renewal. Bill Royer recused himself from the vote, all others were in favor.

Mini-grant application for Trexler Nature Preserve

Bill McFadden reported on a project by the Wildlands Conservancy. They have requested funding through the District's mini-grant program related to the streambank fencing at the Trexler Game Preserve. A motion was made by Bill Royer and seconded by Paul Semmel to approve the mini-grant. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS - none

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS - none

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

CALENDAR ITEMS

November 11, 2016 - Office Closed, Veterans Day

NEXT MEETING DATE

November 10, 2016 at 6:30pm – Classroom #108

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Erdman adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Semmel  
Secretary/Treasurer

Kevin Frederick  
Recorder