

## **TWIN & WALKER CREEKS WATERSHED CONSERVANCY MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING – April 1, 2016**

The meeting was held at the Walker Lake Clubhouse and called to order by President Chet Dawson at 7:10 pm. Board members present were: Pat & Chet Dawson, Irene DeVito, Peter Wulforst, Paul Palladino and Barbara Whitney. Also attending was Norma Palladino.

**SECRETARY MINUTES:** A motion was made to accept the minutes of the Sept. 17, 2015 meeting as e-mailed by the Secretary, Pat Messineo.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Irene DeVito reported a balance in checking of \$3,975.65. Since September 2015, there was income of \$3,015.00 in membership fees and donations. Expenses for the period were \$1,433.59 for FX Browne, printing and mailing of the Annual Meeting Post Card and the website renewal. The Money Market account balance is \$16,480.17. Irene renewed TWCWC's insurance.

**PRESIDENT ELECT:** Chet moved electing a President Elect from and Update to an Initiative on the Agenda as he is finishing his last eligible year as President and we need to have a replacement in place.

**EARTH DAY:** Earth Day will be observed at Twin Lakes Road Elementary School on Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 3 PM. Peter Wulforst will use the Environscape with several classes. Please let Peter know if anyone else is interested in participating. We will have pizza prior to our Board meeting that night.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Chet submitted the paper work for TWCWC to again give a \$500 award to a DVHS graduating senior who will be pursuing a degree in an environmentally related field. He has since confirmed with Linda Gartner at DVHS that she has what she needs. The scholarship will retain the name "The Joseph Messineo Twin & Walker Creeks Watershed Conservancy Scholarship."

**MAPLE DRIVE DRAINAGE PIPE:** The ground has settled around the drainage pipe that was installed to the Maple Drive retention pond resulting in a dip in the road. The Walker Lake Homeowners Association and Shohola Township are discussing how to get it repaired.

**LAKE TESTING TRAINING MAMNUAL** – This was the original training manual prepared in 2002 for the first TWCWC members trained for Lake Testing. Pat and Chet have the only known copy. The Pike County Conservation District has requested a copy and Paul Palladino suggested that other Board members might also like a copy. We decided to ask Chet, Kirk Mackey and Peter Loewrigkeit to review the manual for needed updates before making copies. Chet will try to get it copied to Word format first.

**2016 NEWSLETTER** – All articles need to be to Peter Wulforst by the end of April for mailing no later than June. We will prepare copies for mailing at either our May or June meeting.

The following requests are to be made for articles:

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| • President's Letter:                   | Chet Dawson                       |
| • General Interest Article:             | Scott Rando                       |
| • Tick Presentation Summary:            | Barbara Whitney                   |
| • Robert Laudise and the Laudise Prize: | Chet Dawson & Joyce Laudise       |
| • 2015 Treasure's Report:               | Irene DeVito                      |
| • 2015 lake Testing Summary             | Kirk Mackey and Peter Loewrigkeit |
| • Note on 2016 Fall General Meeting:    | Board if Known                    |

The article about Robert Laudise was agreed to be an annual recognition of a former or current Watershed resident who has made a significant contribution to the environment. Chet was to contact Joyce Laudise to make sure she was comfortable with the proposal.

(Since the meeting Joyce has embraced the idea and has provided an article about her first husband as well as a picture. Barbara Whitney volunteered to write the article on last years Tick presentation and has since submitted it along with a picture. Chet has written his President's Letter and Irene a financial summary.)

**SHOVEL READY INITIATIVES** – This past year Kirk Mackey has proposed at least two grant possibilities but in both cases we were not ready with any ideas. The Board discussed some ideas at the April meeting. Chet suggested looking at dealing with some of the invasive plants on Twin Lakes Road and Japanese Knotweed in particular. It was brought up that this would be difficult as much of the knotweed is on private property; however, Barbara brought up that they have found knotweed along the shores of the two Twin Lakes and that would be doable. We will continue to look at ideas at future meetings.

**FALL SPEAKER:** – Barbara Whitney suggested Jeff Rosalski Director of PEAK as a potential speaker. Either Barbara or Peter Wulforst will see if he has an interest and what a topic might be. Another possible talk discussed was general well water testing. Peter described what the Extension Service offers and mentioned that test kits are available, weekdays from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the Penn State Extension office in Milford.

**MEETINGS:** Our next board meeting will be Friday May 20, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chet Dawson: President