

TWIN & WALKER CREEKS WATERSHED CONSERVANCY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING – MAY 20, 2016

The meeting was held at the Walker Lake Clubhouse and called to order by President Chet Dawson at 7:00 pm. Board members present were: Pat & Chet Dawson, Shsirley Masuo, Kirk Mackey, Peter Wulfhorst, John Hahn, Scott Rando, Irene DeVito and Pat Messineo.

SECRETARY MINUTES: A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the April 1, 2016 meeting, which had been prepared and distributed by President Chet Dawson.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Irene DeVito reported a balance in checking as of 5/19/16 of \$3,622.65. Money Market Account balance is \$16,482.92. Irene reported that the 2015 Tax Report has been filed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted.

ANNUAL FALL MEETING: A tentative date set is for October 22, 2016, 10 a.m. at the Walker Lake Clubhouse. A Board meeting would be held at 9 a.m. Options for topics were discussed: (1) Ask someone from PEEC – Pike County Environmental Center - to present a topic of their choice. (2) Scott Rando has extensive experience with wildlife in photography in Pike County. Further discussion at our next meeting.

PRESIDENT-ELECT and OTHER OFFICERS: John Hahn agrees to be President-Elect. President Chet Dawson's term is up in October. Shirley will ask Glyn Eisenhauer for new President. Barbara Whitney has agreed to join the Board.

LAKE TESTING: Kirk Mackey posted FX Browne's 2015 results on the Twin Lakes website. Twin Lakes have slightly improved over years. It was recommended that Walker Lake do aeration to improve quality. Walker Lakes will be discussing the option with new Lake Manager who knows a company who does aeration. A source of power would be necessary and a public area best place to set up. Peter Loewrigkeit is setting up schedule for 2016 testing on Twin Lakes and will coordinate dates with Walker Lake – TL on Saturdays, WL on Sundays. Phytoplankton and zooplankton were tested two years ago at Walker Lake, and want to do again with new manager. Kirk will arrange to get a net from FXB to do the testing on Twin Lakes. Peter will clarify phyto or zooplankton for Twin Lakes. Dr. Musco said that the rock geology could contribute to phosphorus.

ENVIRONMENTAL DAY AT SHOHOLA SCHOOL: Peter Wulfhorst was thanked for his work today at the School where he did Enviroscope Demonstrations for three fourth grades, three fifth grades and one third grades, a total of six times!! Thank you, Peter for representing Penn State and the Watershed.

SCHOLARSHIP: The Watershed's Annual Joseph Messineo Memorial scholarship has been won by Paul Matarazzo. Kirk will make the presentation on June 8. Irene gave the check for \$500 to Kirk and will send a confirmation letter to the School district. Kirk will provide a photo for the Newsletter.

LAKE TESTING MANUAL: Chet provided copies of a 2-day course on testing procedure created at the formation of the Watershed in 2001. A suggestion was made that Kirk Mackey and Peter Loewrigkeit review and advise updates.

NEWSLETTER: Peter Wulfhorst has copy ready and will have 1100 copies printed for mailing. It will be dated June instead of May. He will provide total mailing numbers to Irene for Post Office. Chet revised the label mailing list from 500 to 150 addressed labels, plus RR-4 and RR-5. The addresses include donors and local Pike County names. Kirk suggests adding political personnel such as Commissioners, Representatives, etc. and he will provide a list to Chet. Mailing will include cost of return mail. There was a question whether sealing labels are required or if glue would suffice.

PCCD: Chet received a copy of their Newsletter. He will summarize and send out to Board members. It was suggested that he send PCCD a copy of the training manual.

PROJECTS: Kirk has submitted Grant money information. Chet asked members to offer suggestions for project ideas to take advantage of grants. A suggestion was made to request funds to help eradicate Knotweed, an invasive species found at the lakes. Irene talked about an area at the beach in Sagamore where a wetland could be developing. Measures were taken last year to stop the water's progress at SEPOA's expense. Grant funds could be used to further complete the process.

OTHER: Shirley Masuo reported on her activities with Damascus Citizens For Sustainability. She said they are making progress stopping gas industry activities. She also suggested we might be interested in "Mushroom Walks" by Nathaniel Whitmore. She has information for anyone interested.

2016 MEETING SCHEDULE: Chet suggested we plan Watershed meetings the Friday before Lake testing dates. A schedule will be created after testing dates are established.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Friday, June 17 – Walker Lake Clubhouse at 7 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Messineo, Secretary