

Spring Creek Coalition October Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm October 8th by President Beth Rooney.

Present were: Travis Fite, Beth Rooney, Martha Blackburn, Jessica Spencer, Karen Harris, Jennifer Donnelly, David Martinez, and Bill Chambers

MOTION: Jennifer Donnelly moved to enter into executive session at 6:06pm, seconded by Bill Chambers
PASSED

MOTION: Karen Harris moved to close executive session at 6:43pm, seconded by Bill Chambers
PASSED

MOTION: David Martinez moved to accept September minutes, seconded by Martha Blackburn
PASSED

Committee Reports

Treasurer: The treasurer's report was accepted for filing. \$29,540.99 was the balance as of 10/7/2020. Significant income for the month was \$3,362 from our July GoFundMe, \$220 memberships, \$70 T-shirt sales, \$500 donation from STIR; significant expense: \$1,050 water monitoring analysis fees, \$342 calendar printing.

GIS Presentation, Part 2: Science Chair David Martinez was unable to reach Dr. Bert Fisher of Lithochimea to get the poultry-updated version of our GIS so there was no presentation. President Rooney noted that we have been withholding payments until the Joint Prosecution Agreement with Waterkeeper Alliance could be resolved. Payments will now be made.

Water Monitoring

Chair Bill Chambers reported that water monitoring is going well and has been very interesting. He recommended that board members take a look at the documents on Google docs. The bacteria levels at sites 1 and 2 upstream remain consistently high.

Emily Oakley of Site 2, Three Springs Farm, asked for help in finding the source of the bacteria at her place. A zoom call was held with her, Bill, Beth, and Kelly Foster of Waterkeeper Alliance. Emily was able to identify pastures where there are poultry farms, cattle, and puppy raising, all very near to the creek. Bill had identified via Google earth sewage lagoons for Oaks and Kansas. Kelly is going to write up next steps. Bill is going to get a person from the water monitoring team to take additional samples there, one during a high flow event.

Fundraising

Chair Beth Rooney noted that a grant request for \$20,000 written by Pam Kingfisher and her was sent in to Sitka Ecosystems recently asking for funds for water monitoring and GIS system work. Pam also just sent in a grant request to the Center for Health, Environment and Justice for \$4,250 for fundraising.

Martha noted that she could put together an event at Cedar Crest if Jim McCoy can secure a date with their board.

Other

Calendars are ready. Beth will send an email to see who wants one and she will deliver.

There is a "Pop-up Clean-up" scheduled for Friday, October 9, 10am-Noon, at the low-water crossing at Littlefield's/Cave Springs. Board members Chambers, Spencer, and Rooney will be there. Objective is to

clean up the trash at this popular local spot before a high-water event washes it downstream.

Not discussed at the meeting but on the agenda: Our regular annual creek clean-up will be Saturday, Nov 7 with Cedar Crest at Cooper's Bridge.

Overview of Mailchimp: President Rooney gave an overview of our Mailchimp email management system. She noted that this system is so much easier than the manual effort we used to have. Once the email 'campaign' is complete, one button click sends it out to 289 subscribers and keeps track of who opens, who doesn't, and more. The system still takes monitoring. One interesting item: Mailchimp stats show some of our audience is in France and Travis told us those are musicians living in France who are Spring Creek fans.

MOTION: Jennifer Donnelly moved to adjourn seconded by Karen Harris.

PASSED. Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm

Minutes prepared by Beth Rooney