

Meeting Minutes
Lower Delaware River Wild and Scenic
Management Committee Meeting
Monday, September 22, 2008
Bridgeton Township, Pennsylvania

The meeting was called to order by Pennsylvania Co-Chair Nancy Janyszeski at 7:35 p.m. who ask all to rise and salute the flag.

The Executive Committee introduced themselves. The attendance record reflects the following:

Nancy Janyszeski, Co-Chair, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Carol Hoffmann, Co-Chair, State of New Jersey, Sandra McNicol, Vice-Co Chair, New Jersey, Mick Drustrup, Vice-Co Chair, Pennsylvania, Gregg Rackin, River Administrator; Larry Glick, representing Congressman Patrick Murphy (PA-8), Al Santopietro, Nockamixon Township Supervisor, Richard McNutt, Tideway Gatewaters Partnership, Michael Aucott, Hopewell Environmental Commission, Ed Bartosiewicz, Riegelsville Borough Council, C.C. Hopf, Chair, Bridgeton-Nockamixon-Tinicum Groundwater Committee, C.A Cole, Martins-Jacoby Watershed Association (alternate for Judy Henkle), Charles Barscz, National Park Service (NPS), Tom Lurz, Plumstead Twp. Environmental Advisory Commission, Val Sigstedt, resident, Point Pleasant, Pennsylvania (Plumstead Twp.), Bill Brokaw, Heritage Conservancy, John Mauser, Lower Mt. Bethel Township, Bob Stanfield, Bridgeton-Nockamixon-Tinicum Groundwater Committee, Rick Dalton, Delaware Canal State Park, Pennsylvania Department of Natural Resources, Benj Janyszeski, resident, Nockamixon Township, Pennsylvania, Katrina Placer, Mercer County Planning Department, Norman Torkelson, Stockton Borough, Ron Sworren, Mayor, Frenchtown Borough and Hunterdon County Freeholder, Barbara Daniello, Alexandria Township Environmental Commission, Celeste Tracy, Delaware River Greenway Partnership (DRGP), Mark Gallagher (speaker), Vice-President, Princeton-Hydro, Don Hamilton, National Park Service, Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreational River.

Carol Hoffmann requested that the minutes of the June 16, 2008 meeting be amended to reflect that “conditional” approval was provided by the Committee for the recycling of tires for the American Rivers Clean-up conducted by Tom McBrien in the spring of 2008. Carol’s motion to amend the minutes to reflect this change was seconded by New Jersey Vice-Chair Sandra McNicol The minutes as amended were approved.

Nancy Janyszeski proposed a Wild and Scenic Directed Project that would conduct baseline water quality testing within the Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic Area effected by gas drilling.

The Committee held discussion on the proposed project details. Nancy Janyszeski moved that the Committee approve the Gas Drilling related Water Testing Project and authorize \$25,000 toward its accomplishment.

Norman Torkelson requested a Point Of Order that a vote by the Committee on the proposal project be tabled until after the presentations by Mark Gallagher.

CC Hopf seconded Norman Torkelson's motion and the motion was approved.

Mark Gallagher of Princeton Hydro provided his presentation on the implications of gas drilling on water quality.

Nancy Janyszeski asked the Committee if there was a motion to end the suspension of discussion of the original motion of approving the Gas Drilling related Water Testing Project and authorize \$25,000 to support it. Norman Torkelson so moved and CC Hopf seconded. The Committee approved the Project and expenditure of \$25,000 by unanimous voice vote. Nancy Janyszeski then requested that two volunteers work with the Executive Committee in creating the Baseline Water Quality project. Bob Stanfield of the Bridgeton-Nockamixon-Tinicum Groundwater Committee and Tom Lurz of the Plumstead Environmental Advisory Commission stepped forward as volunteers.

Carol Hoffmann, New Jersey Co-Chair reported on the completion of a draft revised grant guidelines document with a greater focus toward larger grants and a more regional approach to funding projects. C. Hoffmann noted that the Executive Committee does not suggest that smaller grants be entirely ruled-out but to focus on a more regional program approach, forming partnerships for projects. The draft guidelines were handed-out volunteers were requested for a Grant Oversight Committee. Val Sigstedt nominated Damon Aherne (in absentia) to serve. Carol requested that any other Committee members interested in serving contact the Committee. She requested comments on the draft document and that it would be reviewed by the Grants Oversight Committee to score and track them and that the draft document be circulated and that any comment be provided within two weeks.

It was announced that a Finance Committee was being formed and would be chaired by Mick Drustrup and Sandra McNicol. MDrustrup noted that the Committee needs to manage the finances in a more proactive way and that we make the grant program more robust. The charge of the Finance Committee was to work directly with the Delaware River Greenway Partnership (DRGP), which manages the finances through a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service. The Finance Committee needs to come up with an estimated 2008 and 2009 budgets that are forward looking.

Gregg Rackin read for the record an email from Judy Henkle, representing the Martins-Jacoby Watershed Association, volunteering to serve on the Finance Committee. Barbara Daniello, representing Alexandria Township Environmental Commission, also volunteered to serve.

CHoffmann asked if there was any interest in other volunteer efforts for mailings and publicity. Being none present, it was requested that should any interest come forth that the Committee be contacted.

CHoffmann also asked if there was anyone representing Milford present. She noted that Milford needs to be involved in the Curtis Paper Mill EPA Superfund Site and that she would continue to reach-out to them to have someone appointed to work with the Committee on this issue.

Charles Barscz, NPS, requested that the Committee approve Executive Committee action to make decision regarding expenditures in order to meet deadlines within the federal budget and asked for a motion granting authority to the Executive Committee to expend dollars that would soon expire. Barbara Daniello so moved and Richard McNutt seconded. The motion was approved.

CBarscz provided the NPS report and noted that a new cooperative agreement had been entered into by the NPS and the DRGP. He said that the DRGP's "Discover the Delaware" educational event planned for September 13, 2008 had been postponed until March 7, 2009 and that \$2,000 which had already been committed, has been secured in the NPS budget through a purchase order.

Celeste Tracy provided the DRGP report. She said that the reception that was to be part of the September 13, 2008 "Discover the Delaware" program would now be held on November 14, 2008. The event will cost \$40 and will recognize the efforts of those instrumental in creating the DRGP ten years ago. So far those who will be recognized include Congressman Peter Kostmayer (ret), Congressman Rush Holt (NJ-12), Bill Sharp (NPS, ret) and Jim Amon (D&R Canal Commission, ret).

Gregg Rackin provided the River Administrator quarterly report. He reviewed the major activities that occurred since the last Quarterly meeting of June 16, 2008. The most important development was the passage of the Special Protection Waters (SPW) designation for the Wild and Scenic Lower Delaware River by the DRBC at its July Meeting.

Following Gregg's report, Don Hamilton of the of the NPS from the Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreational River provided his presentation dealing with Natural Gas development in New York State during the course of the last year. He noted that one of the most difficult issues is the contaminating additives in the Fracking Fluid. Although drilling companies must fill-out MSDS forms, they are not required to disclosed the constituents of their formulas as they are considered proprietary.

Under New Business, Val Sigstedt addressed the Committee concerning New York City's abandonment of its aqueducts. He requested the Committee consider create a fact-finding legal sub-committee in response to the proposed plans. Nancy Janyszeski said that the Executive Committee would look over his request and discuss the issue further. Norman Torkelson noted that New Jersey is revising its sewer service area guidelines and

that the SPW provision will come into play with the decisions being made. Richard McNutt reported that Plumstead Township has resumed its Parks and Recreation Commission and that he is serving as its chair.

CHoffmann requested a next meeting date of January 21, 2009 at a location to be determined in New Jersey. Being no objection, the date for the next quarterly meeting of the Committee was set.

Being no other New Business, NJanyszeski asked if there was a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Barbara Daniello and seconded by NJanyszeski