



Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic River Management Council Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021

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The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Chair, Mayor Richard Dodds of Kingwood Township, NJ, held virtually via Zoom. There were 50 attendees, including 5 members of the Steering Committee, one Delaware River Greenway Partnership staff member, and a National Park Service (NPS) staff member.

Council Business:

- **Introductions:** Attendees introduced themselves and their affiliations.
- **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by CC Hopf, seconded by Martie Kyde, to accept the June 24, 2021 meeting minutes, previously posted at www.lowerdelawarewildandscenic.org. Passed.
- **2021 Mini-Grant Program:** The 2021 projects are wrapping up and final reports will be presented at the December 16 Council meeting. The 2022 program will open for applications in the fall.
- 1. **Presentation:** Faran Savitz and David Masur of PennEnvironment presented the 2021 PennEnvironment report, [Microplastics in Pennsylvania: a Survey of Waterways](#). The report provides new data about the presence of microplastics in water samples taken at [many of Pennsylvania's most popular rivers, lakes, and streams](#). They discussed the type of plastics found, where the plastics originate from including shopping bags, clothing, and packaging. They explained the danger posed to aquatic life. PennEnvironment has a sample municipal ordinance to address microplastic pollution.
- **Final Report - River Use Study:** Council members discussed the results of the final LDWS [report](#). There was substantial dialogue about the urgent need to improve recreational safety and communications. Sarah Bursky, NPS Liaison, announced a working group is forming to examine study findings.
- **Proposed Rockfall Mitigation Project in Kingwood Township, NJ (Hunterdon County):** Council members discussed the status of NJDOT rockfall projects in Warren and Hunterdon Counties. There were no rockfall incidents in Hunterdon County reported along Route 29 resulting from Hurricane Ida.
- **River Rising Nature Journey:** Adam DePaul of the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania discussed plans for the Summer 2022 three-week Delaware River paddle trip and treaty signing.
- **Current Issues:** The follow LDWS communications were noted:
 - [NJTPA Comments from LDWS About 2022 - 2025 TIP](#)
 - [Tinicum \(Bucks\) Resolution on Devil's Tea Table Project](#)
 - [Mercer County Parks Quarry Comment Letter From LDWS](#)
 - [Integrated Report Comment Letter LDWS August 2021](#)
 - [D&R Canal State Park Letter About Electric Bike Use](#)
- **Headquarters Road Bridge:** Council members discussed the status of the bridge project in Tinicum Township, PA.
- **PennEast:** The PennEast project was discussed.
- **Truck Traffic:** An increase in truck traffic in Bridgeton, PA and Milford, NJ was discussed.
- **Bridge Over Cooks Creek:** Improvements to a bridge over Cooks Creek in Bucks Co., PA was mentioned.
- **Upper Mt Bethel, PA Proposed Warehouse Development:** An update about the project was provided.
- **Val Sigstedt Memorial Service:** The memorial service for longtime LDWS Steering Committee member Val Sigstedt is scheduled for Oct. 9.
- **2021 Dates of Importance:** The next virtual LDWS Council meetings will be at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 16. In addition, the NJ Clean Communities 4th Annual Delaware River Cleanup is rescheduled for Saturday, October 16.
- **Next Meetings & Adjournment:** With no new business, Martie Kyde made a motion, seconded by CC Hopf to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 AM. Passed.