



## DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

April 5, 2011

DELAWARE CO. CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
ROSE TREE PARK - HUNT CLUB  
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The regular meeting of Delaware County Conservation District was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at Rose Tree Park - Hunt Club. The meeting was called to order by Chair person -

Cheryl Graff Tumola at 3 PM. Additional directors present were: Robert Bernhardt, Elaine Paul Schaefer, Frank McKee and Joseph Fecondo. Others present were: Edward M. Magargee – District Manager, Michelle Ferri District Technician, Brian Vadino, Watershed Specialist. Also attending were Field Representative Linda Mackey, USDA / NRCS – Beth Swartzenruber Sassaman & Elbert Wells, PA. Fish and Boat Commission W.C.O. Ron Evancho, and Delco Anglers & Conservationist representative Steve Kosiak.

**Call to Order:** Given by Chairperson – Cheryl Graff Tumola

**Approval of Minutes** – On a Motion by Elaine Paul Schaefer and seconded by Robert Bernhardt the minutes of March 1, 2011 were voted upon and approved.

**Audience Comments** – Steve Kosiak announced that Ridley Creek State Park – Manager Roger McChesney is retiring April 8<sup>th</sup>. Also 143 Deer were harvested at Ridley Creek State Park. Opening day of trout season saw streams such as Ridley Creek lined with fisherman. Delco. Anglers and Conservationists have stocked approximately 2,000 fish raised at their nursery, thus far this year. The group stocks mainly where the PA. Fish & Boat Commission does not stock such as Smedley Park and Ridley Park Lake for example.

**Correspondence & Announcements** - PACD – A copy of PACD Monthly report was included in the meeting packet.

**Motion Request** – To file all bank statements for audit. Motion was made by Frank McKee and seconded by Robert Bernhardt and approved. A complete copy of these statements will be attached to the official minutes

**Motion Request** – A motion was made by Elaine Paul Schaefer to purchase a total of \$500.00 (or \$250.00 each) for stream clean-up supplies / equipment (trash bags, gloves, etc) to support 2011 Annual Stream Clean-ups by CRC Watershed Association ( event date: Sat. May7th), and DCVA (event date: Sat. April 30<sup>th</sup>). The motion was seconded by Frank McKee. The motion was voted upon and approved without any negative votes or abstentions.

**Motion Request** – A motion was made by Frank McKee and seconded by Cheryl Graff Tumola to accept Emergency Reviews fees from the following:

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| 1. Villanova University – Transforming the Campus Landscape, Radnor.... | \$1,162.50       |
| 2. Marple/Newtown S.D., Gaunlett Community Center, Radnor.....          | \$ 600.00        |
| 3. Haverford College, Student Residences – Phase 2, Haverford.....      | \$ 600.00        |
| 4. Aqua. Fenimore Lane Water Main Replacement, Radnor.....              | <u>\$ 150.00</u> |
|   | \$2,512.50       |

The motion was voted upon and approved. There were no negative votes or abstentions.

**Motion Request** – A motion was made by Elaine Paul Schaefer and seconded by Joseph Fecondo to accept donations of \$100.00 each from Senator Dominic Pileggi and the League of Woman Voters of Radnor Township for Envirothon Sponsorships. The motion was voted upon and approved. There were no negative votes or abstentions.

**Motion Request** – Ed Magargee presented a proposal from Main Line PC Consulting to assist us with improvements to our Web Site. This firm was found via an internet search. It was difficult to find someone that had a working knowledge of Front Page. A few of the goals were to find a procedure so the web site can be updated via the internet, and not just at the computer, develop an on-line back-up procedure, and to address some glitches we have with Word Documents. Frank McKee recommended that we first consult with another firm that he is familiar with in West Chester. Frank McKee made a motion to expend up to \$700.00 for Web Site Consulting Services following an interview with a second consultant. The motion was seconded by Joseph Fecondo. The motion was voted upon and approved. There were no negative votes or abstentions.

**Motion Request** – A motion was made by Robert Bernhardt and seconded by Elaine Paul Schaefer to approve issuing checks for the following: \$ 1,747.62 to Beyond Words for the Winter Issue of Conservation & You and a \$2,000.00 transfer from Affiliate Money Market to a Petty Cash Checking Account to use with a Debit Card as previously approved. The motion was voted upon and approved. There were no negative votes or abstentions.

### **Old Business**

**Staffing Issues** –Kevin Boyle was reintroduced to the board he was hired to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Tessa Bailey. We have not received any word on the Office Manager vacancy.

**Telephone and Associated Services** – Since January 14<sup>th</sup> we have been waiting for a response from the County’s Telecommunications Department. Recently I was told that they would get back to me shortly.

**Minutes Distribution – Minutes approved in 2011 have been posted on Web Site**

**Envirothon Sponsorships** – Last year we received donations of \$2,400.00. This year we have received only \$800.00. We did apply for a \$1,000.00 grant from the Society of Women Environmental Professionals, but grant announcements have not been made to date

**New Business**

**Southeastern Pennsylvania Resource Conservation & Development Council** – The funding status of this program was discussed. It appears that funding is proposed to be cut not only from next year's budget, but also this year's budget. Our coordinator John Metrick has told us that his last day will be April 8<sup>th</sup> unless funding is appropriated. Several significant projects with funding are currently underway, and the R.C.&D. Board hopes to carry these out regardless.

**Mini-Grant Approval** – Brain Vadino reviewed the three project application that we received.

- 1.) Eastern Delaware County Stormwater Collaborative & Upper Darby High School - Rain Barrel Painting and Demonstration Project. \$500.00
- 2.) Rose Valley Environmental Advisory Council – Fifth Semi-Annual Spring 2011 Invasive Plants Workshop. \$500.00
- 3.) CRC Watersheds Association – Strath Haven Middle School Native Habitat Garden \$500.00

There was some discussion about the Rose Valley project due to the lack of shown match, and the fact that we have provided funding previously for a similar activity. Frank McKee made a motion to grant \$500.00 to the Upper Darby School District Project, \$500.00 to the Strath Haven Middle School Project, and \$500.00 to the Rose Valley E.A.C. Project. The motion was seconded by Elaine Paul Schaefer. The motion was voted upon and approved without any negative votes or abstentions.

**Tree Vitalize Projects Approved for 2011** – Brian Vadino reported that we have 11 projects approved for funding of \$54,000.00 in 2011. Factoring in the match provided this represents over \$111,000 in riparian buffer planting projects. Attached to the official meeting minutes is a table listing the projects, number of trees to be planted, length of buffer, etc.

**Report from Cooperating Agencies** – Linda Mackey, DEP Field Representative report is attached for review. Beth Swartzenruber Sassaman - USDA/NRCS also provided a brief verbal report.

**Conservation District Manager's Report & Staff Reports** - Edward Magargee, Michelle Ferri submitted written reports detailing their activities for the past month. A complete copy of these reports will be attached to the official minutes. Brian Vadino Watershed Specialist written report is also attached.

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**Erosion & Sediment Control Plan Reviews - Attached**

**Individual Request for Assistance-** None

**Next Meeting:** May 3, 2011

**Adjournment-** 4:10 PM