



DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

June 7, 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, May 3, 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, Randy Bates, Ray Iacobucci, Elaine Paul Schaefer and Wayne Megill, Jr. Note : Joe Fecondo was excused as he was attending a meeting with Senator Pileggi and PACD Capitol in Harrisburg. Others present were: Edward M. Magargee – District Manager, Michelle Ferri District Technician, Brian Vadino, Watershed Specialist. Also attending were Beth Swartzenruber Sassaman, USDA / NRCS and Paul Rhoads of Rhoads Creative.

Call to Order: Given by Chairperson – Cheryl Graff Tumola

Approval of Minutes – On a Motion by Randy Bates and seconded by Robert Bernhardt the minutes of May 3, 2011 were voted upon and approved.

Audience Comments – None

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 Randy Bates and seconded by Elaine Paul Schaefer and approved. A complete copy of these statements will be attached to the official minutes

Motion Request – A motion was made by Randy Bates and seconded by Elaine Paul Schaefer to approve payment of the second ½ of our annual PACD Dues in the amount of \$1,036.00. The payment will be from our affiliate account. The motion was voted upon and approved without any negative votes or abstentions.

Motion Request – A motion was made by Robert Bernhardt and seconded by Elaine Paul Schaefer to approve payment of \$500.00 to the Western Delaware Valley Lions Club for a previously approved mini-grant – “Stabilization of Stream Bank – Restoring Riparian Buffer along Chester Creek”. . . The payment will be made from our affiliate account. The motion was voted upon and approved. There were no negative votes or abstentions.

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Motion Request – A motion was made by Robert Bernhardt and seconded by Randy Bates to approve payment of \$500.00 to the Country Gardeners for a previously approved mini-grant – “Demonstration and Stormwater Management Rain Garden at Middletown Township Administration Building”. The payment will be from our affiliate account. The motion was voted upon and approved without any negative votes or abstentions.

Old Business

Web Site Discussion – Paula Rhoads, Rhoads Creative – Following up on our discussion of the website from last meeting. Paul Rhoads agreed to attend our meeting to discuss why updating the Conservation District Website may be a good idea. Paula described our use of Front Page as problematic, and that she was unable to find anyone in the industry that was willing to work on our existing site. Front Page was described as being unstable, and the possibility of even simple revisions leading to a series of problems was likely. She suggested software such as Word Press, and the software is free to use. She estimated the cost to set of a new website would be \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00.

Envirothon – Ed Magargee announced that Penncrest High School has once again finished in first place at the State Envirothon. Then will now move on the Canon North American Event – July 24th – 29th at Mount Allison University, Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada.

Staffing Issues – Ed Magargee introduced Maxwell John Coniglio as our summer intern for 2011. We also received approval to fill the vacant Office Manager, and all the appropriate paperwork has been filed.

Telephone and Associated Services – Ed Magargee was forwarded information from the Telecommunications Department on Comcast Telephone Service. Upon investigating the service it appears that it would provide a good portion of the services that we requested. Telecommunication was notified that we would be willing to convert to Comcast.

Poster Contest – Judging for the 2011 Conservation Poster Contest was conducted prior to the meeting. The Award Ceremony will be held May 25th at the Del. Co. Council Meeting Room.

MS-4 Year 8 Report is Due June 9th - Ed reported that up to a week of time will be allocated to completing this report. The process has been started, and will continue until June 9th.

New Business

Federal Funding Cuts – Assisting with two Southeast Pa. R.C. & D. Projects. 1.) Eastern Delaware Co. Stormwater Collaborative & (2.) Conservation Planting Truck / Trailer

Required Chapter 105 Training – June 14 , 15, and 16th State College : Ed Magargee notified the board that he is being required to attend SPGP # 4 training in State College. The previous Army Corps. General Permit # 3 expires June 30, 2011.

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.

Erosion & Sediment Control Plan Reviews - Attached

Individual Request for Assistance- None

Next Meeting: July 12, 2011

Adjournment- 4:10 PM