

Little Juniata River Association Meeting

A meeting of the LJRA was held on June 16, 2022 at Marzonis Restaurant. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Bill Anderson, President. The meeting started with those present introducing themselves.

Concern was voiced for the extensive excavation work done along the Little J across from the Tyrone train station to supposedly prevent flooding. Bill Stockbine showed photos of the damage. Ardien Latchford, Tyrone Burrough Mgr., furnished a complete copy of the approved permit application to LJRA during a visit to the Tyrone Municipal Building by Bill Anderson and Bill Strockbine last Monday. All permits were found to be signed and in order. During the visit, LJRA was invited to make a presentation to the Burrough Council. We will attend their next meeting, July 12. It as an opportunity to educate them on the harmful effects this type of practice has on our river. As well as the total waste of taxpayers funds. (see photos)

The next item of business was to find a replacement for an open director position. A motion was made by Lee Pryor and seconded by Carl Reed to appoint Angie Spagnoli. This motion was unanimously carried by a group vote as well as a unanimous vote by LJRA Directors (some by email) . We thank Bill Bressler for his many years of service and work for the organization. Lee recommended we do something to honor Bill for his service. We will need ideas.

Bill showed a video of wild brown trout attempting to jump the Tyrone Paper Mill dam on June 11, 2022. Similar dam jumping behavior at the dam has been witnessed in the past two Junes. We theorize that trout are attempting to return to upstream sites to which they have fidelity. The elimination of this obstacle to fish passage will be readdressed with Paper Mill management.

The easement on River Road with the Walkers, is still in the works. No word as to when it will be resolved. PFBC has the ball.

Bill introduced our new Blair Waterways Conservation Officer, Frank Mehalko. Frank addressed the group and gave a description of his background and duties. If we see a violation, the best way to report it to Frank would be to take a picture of the person, the car, and license plate and get it to him. We would also need to testify in court. Frank will give Bill his contact information to forward to us.

We received a notice that there will be a public hearing about the Rutters project from PADEP. Bill will let us know when the public hearing will be.

The new Sauce plant for DelGrosso's may affect the Sandy Run area. Bill will be discussing this with DelGrosso management.

The permit was extended for work off the I 99 exit ramp at Grazierville. The temporary road, built for our trout habitat project, needs to be blocked to prevent trashing. .

Bill announced the addition of 7 new platinum members

We pay NES&L \$5,000.00 per year to allow public fishing and boating at the Pemberton Quarry area. They are still not interested in any long term agreement. They use this money to buy an insurance policy to cover liability for public use. We have had earmarked donations totaling \$2,200.00 (for the NES&L property lease).

A motion for adjournment was made by Lee Pryor, seconded by Carl Reed and approved by unanimous vote.

The meeting was ended at 8:40 PM.

Lee Pryor
Secretary