

Little Juniata River Association- Goals and Action Plans 2023 - 2024

The LJRA Board met on February 13th, 2023. Eight board members were present including: Angie Spagnoli, Bill King, Joe Reese, Dennis Johnson, Bill Anderson, Carl Reed, Ron Kuntz and Scott Kavanagh. Lee Pryor was absent. The meeting began with a review of the 2020-2021 action plan (the last plan before Covid 19).

Administrative:

The LJRA board decided to increase our number from 9 people to 11 people. We also decided to add the position of Vice President. Bylaws will be changed and circulated to current board for approval to reflect these decisions. New board members will be nominated and voted on at the March 16th. LJRA meeting.

River Access:

Formerly closed access : Nadine Morrow property (Yellow House); Andrew Walker property (River Road) remain open for public fishing. The Public Fishing Easement Agreement with the Walkers is finally being resolved. New PFE's in the upper river continue to be investigated. The NES&L Quarry property lease (\$5,000) was approved for payment and has now been paid for 2023. Many donations were received for the lease payment, including a generous check from Tom Martin, Martin Oil.

New postings on the Greg Morris property at the Tipton I99 ramp will be investigated. Bill will contact former senator John Eichelberger for a connection to the property owner. We will attempt to get permission for our annual clean-up of this area.

For Sale sign on old Rt 220 is for approximately 4 wooded acres behind the Penn Dot mitigated wetlands. It is offered as a commercial site for \$130,000.

Membership:

It was proposed, seconded and approved that we raise LJRA membership donations from \$150 to \$250 for Lifetime Members and from \$500 to \$650 for Platinum Membership. The Annual Membership donation will go from \$50 to \$60. Corporate sponsorship will be raised from \$150 to \$300. Corporate sponsors will be recognized on both the website and our LJRA Face Book page. Also, a sign will be displayed at the clean-up lunch recognizing companies who have donated to the clean-up. We will also place corporate sponsor logos on our meeting notifications. All new members will be listed on our monthly newsletter. Membership data base is being updated by Scott Kavanaugh. When complete, we will send out notices for all expired memberships and compare the updated lost to our Constant Contact contacts lost for missing names. We

also send invitations to all current members of their eligibility to join our Little Juniata River Association Wild Trout Group on Face Book.

Clean-up:

Our Annual Clean-up Date is set for Saturday, April 15th. Carl Reed will contact New Pig to see if we can still meet there. And to ask their employees to participate. Church has agreed to provide hot lunch once again. A flyer for the clean-up is available. Bill will handle all other details.

Spring Banquet:

The date is set for June 3rd at the Rivers Edge, Spruce Creek. Our committee consists of: Angie Spagnoli, Joe Reese and property owner, Randy Green. Catered meal with a ticket price of approximately \$30-35 is being planned. An action checklist will be developed by the committee.

Other actions:

- We will develop an erosion reduction plan for LBE. Bill King will talk with Mark Jackson to schedule a visit to major erosion sites for potential projects. Fish passage and potential dam removal will be revisited with mill management (Bill A).
- Continue to press PFBC to establish special regulations for entire river. Make date to make presentation to commissioners in April.
- Examine past project sites for needed repairs and consider additional structures for Sandy Run.
- Watch the Bells Gap Reservoir project for E&S violations and excess mud.
- Continue to discuss and check on Combined System Study being conducted by Altoona Water Authority. We are in 2 years for the 5 year study.

Meeting Report by Bill Anderson with notes by Angie Spagnoli

Questions and clarifications can be asked via email bjuniata@verizon.net