

Little Juniata River Association  
April 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. at Marzonis Restaurant by Scott Kavanaugh, Director. Scott was sitting in for Bill Anderson, President who was absent

Directors present were: Carl Reed, Angi Spagnoli, Joe Reese, Bill King, Denny Johnson, Gary Miller, Lee Pryor and Scott Kavanaugh.

### **CLEAN UP ASSIGNMENTS**

Scott passed around a sign up sheet for those who wanted to volunteer to be team leaders. They were asked to specify if they had a preference for a certain area.

### **SUMMER BANQUET**

Angie stated that the Houtzdale Fire Department has offered to lend tents, tables, chairs and miscellaneous items. Thank you Houtzdale. Joe reported that we have a caterer and bartender. Joe will apply for a one day liquor license which is needed for a cash bar. Joe suggested that we propose to provide a nominal donation to the Houtzdale Fire Department in appreciation because they will save us approximately \$300. Perhaps \$100 would be appropriate. The number of attendees targeted for this event is around 70. The location is the previous John Little place which is upstream from the Spruce Creek Methodist Church. Parking will be at the Methodist Church parking lot. Attendees will walk to the site. A shuttle may be provided for those who have trouble walking. Tickets will be made available to life members first and then will be opened up to others after that. The date for the banquet is June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4 to 8 P.M. rain or shine.

### **Bug Kick**

Logan Stenger gave a report on the bug kick and water testing that was performed on April 10<sup>th</sup>. They went to 3 sites: Sandy Run near where it joins the Little Juniata and as far down as DelGrossos Park. The goal of the sampling was to do some water chemistry and a macroinvertebrate kick. The protocols they followed were all DEP approved and results will be submitted to the DEP for their 2024 Integrated Water Quality Report.

### **Approval of New Bylaws**

The directors met on February 13, 2023 and decided to change our bylaws as follows: The number of directors will be increased from 9 to 11 and a position of Vice President will be added. The bylaws were posted on the web site and were noted on the face book page. A quorum of directors was noted to be present. There was a unanimous vote by the directors to approve the new bylaws.

### **Opening for Director Position**

Nominations from the floor were taken for an open director position. A nomination for Logan Stenger to be elected as Director was received from the floor. There were no other

nominations. A motion was made to close the nominations and carried by majority vote. A motion was then made to elect Logan Stenger as Director and carried by majority vote. Welcome to Logan as our newest Director.

### **Juniata Troutfitters**

Scott thanked Juniata Troutfitters for their generous donations and for their friendship to the LJRA over the years.

### **LJRA/Little Juniata River Documentary**

Denny Johnson informed the group that he has a videographer who has done work for him that volunteered to do a short documentary of LJRA and the river itself. This could include a history of the LJRA and the river. A motion was made and passed by the directors and the group to proceed with this video. This should include what we have done to preserve, improve and protect the river like surveying for macroinvertebrates, planting trees, clean ups, etc. It was suggested that perhaps Bill, Angie and Carl could get together and decide what should be covered. We should also contact WTAJ to see if they would be interested in including it in their programming.

### **Rutter's**

Al Budinsky reported on the Rutter's project. The Rutter's permit was issued and has gone through an appeal process for 30 days which ends April 28. Al looked over the plans and found some things worth noting. We could submit a complaint to an environmental hearing board and they would schedule a hearing. The question is do we want to take on something like this at this time. It may be a good idea to send comments to DEP with our concerns so they know we will be looking at these things. Al did not find anything of major significance that would affect the start of the project. Al will email his comments to the subcommittee and Bill, and then a letter could be sent to DEP with our concerns. Angie stated that we will test the water after a rain event of one quarter inch or better. During construction it should be checked once per month regardless of rain events. Heavy metals testing should also be done with a baseline before construction and after the service station is constructed.

### **Tree and Pollination Planting**

Angie informed the group that she had ordered 1800 shrubs and trees as replacements for the ones Penelec destroyed last fall. The planting will start on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The following day there will be a community event for anyone who would like to come. This will be held along the river to the rear of the Blair Recreation Center. A large portion of what Penelec mowed down will be planted as a pollination garden. The pollinator planting will be done sometime in May. Angie's goal is to plant things that will not interfere with the power lines so that Penelec will have no need to come in to trim it out.

### **Green Hills River Camera**

The manager of the Green Hills Camp Ground has been working on the river cam and it may be back in operation soon.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made for adjournment, seconded and passed by common consent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Lee Pryor  
Secretary

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