

Little Juniata River Association Meeting
March 12, 2026

The LJRA met for their regular monthly meeting at Marzoni's Restaurant on March 12, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Bill Anderson, President, Directors present were Bill Anderson, Angie Spagnoli, Scott Kavanaugh, Dennis Johnson, William King, Sr., Carl Reed, Joe Reese, Eric Oliver and Lee Pryor.

Presentation by Byron Chikotas, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, Fisheries Manager, South Central District.

Brian presented the results of the fisherman survey, which was conducted by PFBC in 2024. Anglers fishing during that time period may have been approached by a PFBC member who asked questions relating to the harvesting of wild brown trout, specifically in the Special Regulations section, where taking of trout is prohibited. The issues they sought to learn more about were anglers' opinions on harvest and economic data pertaining to Pennsylvania wild trout fisheries, especially priority waters like the Little Juniata River that are managed under Special Regulations. Other issues which are part of their strategic plan are related to catch and release of wild brown trout on Pennsylvania's high use fisheries and to assess angler attitude toward possible additional gear or tackle restrictions regarding those catch and release fisheries. Brian's presentation is part of a more formal report that's been drafted and is in the review process and will take some time to be finalized. At this time nothing is proposed as far as management change. The LJRA thanks Brian for his very informative presentation.

Baker Lane Washout Status

Angie gave an update on the Baker Lane Washout Project. Eric and Angie have been working on the permit. They are going to apply for a GP3 for bank stabilization and will submit the permit tomorrow and hopefully it won't take that long for it to go through.

Fishing Easement Status

The LJRA is assisting and working with other agencies toward the potential purchase of the Morrow Property, which includes the Yellow House area near Spruce Creek. There are three other agencies involved, which include the Fish and Boat Commission, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, and the Clear Water Conservancy of Central Pennsylvania. They are in the process of putting together an offer for the entire property. Our goal is to keep the fishing access open, which would include approximately two miles of river, all in the special regulations area, which is currently posted. Please respect the posted signs.

LJRA Platinum Membership

The Platinum Membership Includes a guided day of fly fishing on the river and a print of a painting of the Little Juniata Spruce Creek Bridge area. Any new member who has not done so is eligible for a half day tour on the river with Bill. If interested, contact Bill to select a date for the tour.

River Clean-Up

Our annual river clean-up will be Saturday, April 11th. Volunteers for group leaders are needed. Hopefully, we will have around 200 people to take part. Volunteers should arrive before 9:00 A.M., not later than 8:45 at the Spruce Creek Methodist Church or the New Pig Parking Lot to receive their assignment. This will be our 21st annual clean-up. A hot lunch will be served after the event at the Church.

With no other business to be discussed, a motion for adjournment was made and carried by unanimous vote. The ending time was 8:30 P.M.

Lee Pryor
Secretary