

Little Juniata River Association
April 9, 2026

The Little Juniata River Association met for their regular monthly meeting at Marzonis Restaurant on April 9, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Bill Anderson, President. Directors present were: Bill Anderson, William King, Sr, Dennis Johnson, Eric Oliver, Carl Reed, and Lee Pryor.

River Bank Clean-up

The Little Juniata River stream bank clean up is scheduled for April 11 at 9:00 AM. This is our 21st year for this event. It includes 20 miles of river bank on the Little Juniata.

River Squatters

Eric reported that the squatters near the Plummers Hollow Bridge are gone. State Police will continue to monitor the area for any further problems. No trespassing signs may be put up but they do not apply to fishermen.

Baker Lane Washout Status

Eric gave an update on the Baker Lane Washout Project. Eric and Angie have been working on the permit. They submitted the GP1 to DEP but it has not yet been approved. There were corrections that needed attention which Eric addressed. Eric has resubmitted the permit and the project is expected to be completed this summer.

Fishing Easement Status

Bill gave an update on the Morrow property. There are nearly 400 acres of river frontage as well as timberland and farm land to be sold. The property is divided into three parcels which includes the yellow house area on the river road near Spruce Creek and a farm on route 453. The LJRA is assisting and working with three other agencies toward the potential purchase of all three parcels. They include the Fish and Boat Commission, The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and the Clean Water Conservancy of Central Pennsylvania. Our goal is to keep the fishing access open which would include approximately two miles of river all in the special regulations area.

Another easement that we have been working on is the George Bonsell property. However, there is no legal access to this area. American Eagle owns land which could be an access point. We will need to contact their management to see if something can be worked out. Another possibility is the Watts Farm area. We would like to investigate the possibility of working with the Jacobus family on getting an easement to that stretch of the river.

Platinum Members and River Tours

Bill informed the group that we have 4 new Platinum members. New Platinum members receive guided fishing tours of the river by Bill. Regular new members receive a tour of the river and are shown all of the tributaries and the projects we have completed upstream.

Route 453 Construction

Geoffrey Grier gave an update on PennDOT's work on Route 453. The road from Tyrone south will not be enlarged. There will only be a shoulder widening. The road coming down from Hundred Springs will be changed into a perpendicular T. The portion of Rt. 453 going from Tyrone north to above the reservoir will be done this summer. The work to be done from Tyrone south towards Water Street will be done during the summer of 2027. The good news is that there will not be any widening of the road which could affect the river. Geoffrey has the plans if anyone wants to see them.

With no other business to be discussed, a motion for adjourned was made and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting ending time was 7:40 PM.

Lee Pryor
Secretary

