

Little Juniata Association
July 9, 2026

The Little Juniata River Association met for their regular monthly meeting at Marzonis Restaurant on July 9, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Bill Anderson, President. Directors present were: Bill Anderson, William King Sr, Joseph Reese and Lee Pryor.

Presentation by Ryan Hamilton, Director, of Land Conservation for Clearwater Conservancy, State College

Ryan gave a presentation on the various functions of the Clearwater Conservancy and what all they do in their role of land and stream conservation. They have 3 main programs, which are land conservation, riparian restoration, and Central Outdoors. Over the years, they have conserved over 12,000 acres. Ryan reviewed his role as Director of Land Conservation, which is to acquire properties or place them under conservation easements. This assures public access and habitat protection.

Nominees for LJRA Director Opening

It is with great regret that we accept the resignation of Scott Kavanagh as a director of the LJRA. Scott has moved to Virginia to be close to his family. Scott served for 20 years and was involved in the first river cleanup in 2005. He will be greatly missed.

Our director's term goes from the first quarter of the year, when the directors meet in February, to the next February. We reaffirm those directors who wish to stay on, or if they do not, they are eligible to resign. According to the bylaws, if a director resigns mid-term, then we can appoint a new director temporarily until the next meeting of the board at which time a quorum of directors will vote to make that temporary director permanent. The president is authorized to appoint a temporary director. Bill Anderson, President, asked for nominations from the floor. Joe Reese nominated Bill Strockbine. This nomination was seconded by Lee Pryor. Bill asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, all present voted in favor of having Bill Strockbine as a new director. The LJRA welcomes Bill into this position.

Bill Strockbine has also agreed to be our new treasurer. Bill Anderson can appoint a temporary treasurer until our next annual directors' meeting and appointed Bill into this position.

River Squatters

Recently there have been squatters at the Plummers Hollow Bridge area. A search was made to determine ownership of this property, which turned out to be New Enterprise Stone and Lime. NES&L agreed that we could post their property. We then went to the Fish and Boat Commission to get signage stating that it's a "walk-in fishery for fishing only". This is a qualified no trespassing sign. You can't be in there for any other reason except for fishing.

Also, there is another area downstream with a squatter problem. This is approximately one-half mile below Birmingham. There is no ownership recorded for this land, which is subject to constant trashing. Several fishermen have been keeping an eye on this area and call Bill A. or officer Benson when a problem arises.

Possible Pollution Event

Bill was notified that some people reported that the river running by their house was lime green. Eric Oliver collected some proper water samples which Bill took to Fairview Lab. He has not received any results at this time. It is suspected that it's an algae bloom possibly created by a discharge from the Northern Blair Treatment Plant.

Trashing at Ninth Street Bridge in Tyrone

A person contacted Bill and reported that trash had been dumped at the Ninth Street Bridge. Bill went to the scene and found 4 large bags of trash which he took to Burgmeier's. It was not determined who deposited the trash.

Baker Lane Washout Status

The installation of a septic system damaged the roots of a large ash tree which fell over and made a hole along the stream bank. Through the efforts of Angie, Eric and Al Budinsky, a GP1 Permit was obtained to do the repair which was done this past month. The cost was \$5,000.00 for the labor and \$2,200.00 for the stone which was discounted by New Enterprise Stone and Lime. This project was paid for by LJRA.

Fishing Easement Status- New Parking Areas

Approximately 15 years ago, easements were obtained on the lower river at the Allison and Methodist Church properties. Included in those easements were parking lots at an extra cost of \$5,000.00 each. Fish and Boat at the time agreed to install the parking areas which has not been done. The LJRA, after waiting this long, will now put in these parking areas and foot the bill. Bill received a bid from Tom Williams and has also requested a bid from Dirt Works for these projects. It will require a lot of stone which NES&L will provide at a discount. We will seek some reimbursement after the fact but we have decided not to wait any longer as this needs to be done. We will need to get an official signoff from Fish and Boat before we start this project to be sure it meets their requirements.

With no other business to be discussed, a motion for adjournment was made and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting ending at 8:10pm.

Lee Pryor
Secretary