

**Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:30pm**  
**Location: Anthracite Outdoor Adventure Area**

**Call To Order**

**Correspondence**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Financial Transactions**

- Screen Art Institute \$92.67 for light boxes.
- Stamps for membership mailing.
- Envelopes for membership mailing \$21.00
- Membership letters returns.
- Check for animation winners \$50 + \$50
- Landscape Services \$2503.04 for Raingarden planting
- Tetrattech Inv#52048578 \$8691.50 for Watershed Assessment
- April DEP EE sign. \$150 in budget
- 2022 Taxes

**Old Business**

- SCRA Officers and Director positions open – Secretary needed
- Quaker Run Stream Rehabilitation Project (GG+)
  - Kulpmont Borough will be bidding project.
  - Design 75% complete
  - Rain garden to be added at 8<sup>th</sup> street since original budget included the cost for 7<sup>th</sup> street which is complete.
- EPA reoccurring meeting
  - Next meeting April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 via Microsoft Teams. Any member is welcome to join.
- DEP EE Grant
  - April Event – Rain Garden Planting coal region history agenda form previous years.
  - May Event – Green Building Techniques
  - Estimate of 60-70 student at each event
  - Partner letters sent.
  - April 21<sup>st</sup> with a rain date of April 28<sup>th</sup> for the **Coal Mining History and Environmental Impacts project**
    - **Penn State Master Gardeners**
    - **NCCD Riparian Buffers and Macros**
    - **SCRA Mining History**

- **SCRA AMD**
    - May 19<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of May 26<sup>th</sup> for the **Veterans Memorial Field Green Building Techniques and Rain Garden Build**
    - Mark Stansbury may be able to make signs for both projects.
    - Volunteers needed and welcome!
- ARIPPA Project
  - Future projects? Current application deadline is May 31, 2023, max grant \$4800
- DCED Grant
  - Bonding – Traveler’s quoted \$262 per year for \$200,000 w/\$5000 deductible
  - Olvany Insurance provided application for a second option
  - Grant app approved 3/30, processing and final signatures still needed
- Municipality Engagement
  - Senator Casey’s help
  - Membership letters sent to municipalities and authorities
- University Projects
  - Professor Higgins working with Cliff Denholm Stream Restoration Incorporated
- Governor’s Award for Environmental Excellence
  - Presentation dinner April 25<sup>th</sup> Reception @ 5pm, Dinner @ 6:30, Awards @ 7PM.
  - How many attendees? 2 free tickets. \$75 each additional, Harrisburg Hilton
  - Display table? Associated costs.
- Venn Access Weir
  - Follow-up work needed for stream stabilization.
  - Display sign.
- PA Association of Watersheds
  - Grant request submitted. Follow up application needs submitted.
- Bucknell intern approved for additional GIS work (Ben Shimer).
  - Ben returns to class Jan 16 – who can meet with him to discuss goals?
- Degenstein Foundation
  - Grant submitted Monday 12-12-22.
  - Decision to be made today 4/11, should have response within 1 week.
  - Encouraged SCRA to reach out again if we need a cash-match for future grants
- Art Students Writing and Directing Cartoon about SCRA
  - Attend @ 11am Saturday 4/29 and at 5pm Sunday 4/30
  - How many teams?
  - 2-\$50 prizes for winners
- AmeriCorps Vista Senior over 55 Volunteers
  - Approval of expanded coverage area complete
  - Draft assignments submitted.
- Carbon Run Stream Assessment and Restoration Plan
  - Project started, TT spent 3 days in the field last week. TT working directly with AOAA and EIP
- Addition funding sources:
  - Central Susquehanna Community Foundation (we will be working with POWR) Possibly ask for funding gap in DCED grant.
  - Williams grant request submitted, decisions due in May 2023

- PPL Grant opens May 01, 2023
- New 2023 membership application available
- SABER Newsletter
  - Drafted letter for their publication.
- EPA Funding
  - Application to be submitted this week.
  - Resiliency plan task force, Far Better Together, Shamokin Community Gardens
  - \$500 K for staff. SCRA lead applicant.
  - \$1 million for job corps. Shamokin City is applicant.
- Removal of Box Culvert Quaker Run
  - Working directly with BAMR
  - No update
- United States Department of Energy
  - Potential grants
  - Katy Murphy
  - No Update
- Continued Involvement with Environmental Resiliency Plan Projects
- Susquehanna Coal Company
  - ARIPPA Grant?
  - Kulpmont Wetlands

## **New Business**

- Rare Earth Minerals
  - PSU Meeting
- POWR
  - Invited to conference on Sunday Oct 29<sup>th</sup> and Monday Oct 30<sup>th</sup>
- River Greenways Outdoor Expo
  - June 3<sup>rd</sup> event date
  - May 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline to register
  - Nonprofit cost \$25
- Rivernetwork.org
  - Technical assistance for building organization participation.
- Earth Day Events
  - AOAA Trash Clean Up (W/ Tread Lightly) - ??
  - Susquehanna River Clean Up - April 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Rosalind Kane Day – April 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Informal Kulpmont Park Clean-up - ??
  - Metal Mania – April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- PSU Schuylkill Student Request SCRA Speak to class

## **Adjournment**

- Next meeting – May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 6:30pm @ AOAA