

**Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**February 14th, 2023 at 6:30pm**  
**Shamokin Library**

## **Call To Order**

## **Correspondence**

## **Treasurer's Report**

## **Financial Transactions**

- Website renews Feb 02, 2023, \$267.12
- BCO renewal \$15.00
- Final payment to Landscape Services \$4500.00
- Reimbursement Growing Greener \$9738.44
- Reimbursement Sierra Club \$11,932.00
- United Way deposit \$173.85

## **Old Business**

- SCRA Officers and Director positions open
- 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 March 13<sup>th</sup> via Microsoft Teams. Any member is welcome to join.
- DEP EE Grant
  - April Event – Rain Garden Planting, Coal Region History, agenda from previous years
  - May Event – Green Building Techniques
  - Teachers providing number of students
  - Holy Angels and KofC to provide lunch
  - Donation letters? Kulpmont Sportsman, etc
  - Mark Stansbury may be able to make signs for both projects
- Pennsylvania Bureau of Charitable Organizations
  - Renewed until fall of 2023
- ARIPPA Project
  - Mark Stansbury Vo-Tech students sign complete.
  - Pick up and install needed
  - Future projects? Application currently open

- Meeting with Boy Scouts postponed until further date
  - Contact in the spring
- DCED Request
  - Tetra Tech awarded project
  - BAMR meeting date
  - Application must be submitted on a Friday
  - Interest bearing checking account must be set up
  - Schedule a meeting with Heather Trexler
- Future Coal Region Field Station Collaborations
  - Bucknell University Engineering students
  - Professor Matt Higgins
  - Requested project site recommendations
- Municipality Engagement
  - Senator Casey's help
  - Send membership letter to municipalities
- University Projects
- Rebuilding Shamokin City Workshop
  - SCRA will be speaking
  - Successful event. Follow-up meeting with interested individuals
- Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence
  - Application submitted Dec 2022
- County Land Projects
  - Carbon Run tour with EIP scheduled for Jan 26 @ 9:00AM, meet at AOAA office
  - Successful meeting. Tetra Tech to work with EIP
- FEMA BRIC Grant
  - Grant Submitted for \$150K for storm water in Kulpmont Borough
  - Another \$175K DCED grant pending
- Venn Access Weir
  - Follow-up work needed for stream stabilization. Funding options?
- PA Association of Watersheds
  - February Grant Request
  - John Dawes recommends the SCRA apply for \$20K to assist with the preparation needed to apply for federal infrastructure funds
- 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, no updates yet
- 2023 Membership Mailing.
  - Who is writing/contributing to the letter?
  - Who do we want to send them to beyond membership/municipality list?
- Art Students Writing and Directing Animation Project about SCRA
  - Mark Stansberry
  - How many teams?
  - 3-\$50 prizes for winners
- AmeriCorp Vista Senior over 55 Volunteers

- Diakon Group Request to expand to Northumberland County
- Approval of expanded coverage area complete
- Response to AmeriCorps needed
- Meeting minutes
  - Is recording of Zoom enough
- Future agendas
- SCRA Logo
  - Complete. Available in high resolution. Color choice

## **New Business**

- Discuss surface restoration RFQ
- Carbon Run Stream Assessment and Restoration Plan
- Additional funding sources:
  - Central Susquehanna Community Foundation
  - Williams
  - National Environmental Education Foundation
  - UNB
- STREAMS Act
  - Thank you postcards sent to elected officials who help passed the bill
- SABER Newsletter
  - Drafted letter for their publication
- EPA Funding
  - Engage Bucknell, Kathy Jeremiah
- Removal of Box Culvert Quaker Run
  - Asked Tetra Tech to prepare a proposal
- United States Department of Energy
  - Potential grants
  - Katy Murphy
- Continued Involvement with Environmental Resiliency Plan Projects
- Local Elected Officials
- Susquehanna Coal Company
  - ARIPPA Grant?
  - Kulpmont Wetlands
- Rare Earth Minerals
- POWR
  - Next steps following January meeting with board members
  - Invited to speak at POWR conference in October – Altoona, PA

## **Adjournment**

- Next meeting – March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023