

Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance

Meeting Agenda

May 9th, 2023, at 6:30pm

Location: Anthracite Outdoor Adventure Area

Call To Order

Correspondence

Treasurer's Report

Financial Transactions

- Display Table at Governors Award Banquet \$93.00
- Tetra Tech INVOICE of May 5th - \$10,828.50
- AOAA Lease quarterly payment \$300.00
- RJ Renn storage unit rent \$200.00
- H & R Block 2022 Return \$250.00

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 8th street
- EPA reoccurring meeting
 - Next meeting May 15th @ 9:15 via Microsoft Teams. Any member is welcome to join.
- DEP EE Grant
 - May Event – Green Building Techniques **Extension to Fall 2023 requested.**
 - Estimate of 60-70 student at each event
 - Mark Stansbury may be able to make signs for both projects.
- ARIPPA Project
 - Future projects? Application currently open until May 31st
 - **Urgent Action Needed**
- DCED Grant
 - Bonding?
 - Final signatures completed
- Municipality Engagement
 - Senator Casey's help
- University Projects
 - Professor Higgins working with Cliff Denholm Stream Restoration Incorporated
 - Professor Higgins students presented their work.
- Venn Access Weir
 - Follow-up work needed for stream stabilization.
 - Display sign.
- PA Association of Watersheds
 - Grant request submitted. Follow up application need submitted by May 16th
 - **Urgent Action Needed**
- AmeriCorps Vista Senior over 55 Volunteers
 - Approval Next Steps
 - Provide them our June event (state park river expo)
- Carbon Run Stream Assessment and Restoration Plan

- Project started. TT working directly with AOAA and EIP
- Addition funding sources:
 - First Community Foundation Partnership (we will be working with POWR)
 - Pre application meeting held – due by end of May
 - **Urgent Action Needed**
- SABER Newsletter
 - Drafted letter submitted 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
 - BAMR meeting with OSM
- United States Department of Energy
 - Potential grants, Katy Murphy
 - No Update
- Continued Involvement with Environmental Resiliency Plan Projects
- Susquehanna Coal Company
 - ARIPPA Grant to purchase lot for Kulpmont Wetlands?
 - **Urgent Action Needed**

New Business

- Rare Earth Minerals
 - PSU meeting requested
 - EPA obtained grant for \$150K to study REE in Shamokin Watershed, sampling to begin Aug 2023 w/results Jan/Feb 2024
- POWR
 - Invited to conference on Sunday Oct 29th and Monday Oct 30th
- River Greenways Outdoor Expo
 - June 3rd event date
- Rivernetwork.org
 - Technical assistance for building organization participation.
- Joseph Roberts Foundation
 - Requested \$5000
- Press Release
 - Received Degenstein grant for \$45,000
 - Governors Award for Env. Excellence
- Custom Carport for Site 23
 - EPCAMR suggestion to assist with keeping leaves out of forebay & start sending water through the diversion wells again.
 - WPCAMR Quick Response grant may be able to cover the cost
- Watershed Assessment
 - EPCAMR spent May 4th & 5th taking samples in the watershed

Adjournment

- Anthracite Heritage Festival of the Arts May 27th
- River Expo June 3rd at Shikellamy State Park
- Next monthly meeting – June 14th, 2023 6:30pm @ AOAA